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Also, it goes without saying, I'm looking forward to the responsibility of selling your property quickly, for as high a price as possible.

James Warke

Goodchilds is a family business and I'm the youngest of three brothers dedicated to making the company the very best.

I was keen to be part of the business from a young age and started working as soon as I legally could! Some say I've misspent my youth, but I say I've simply got a head start on life, and knowledge beyond my years.

Since joining Goodchilds, I've gained both broad real world experience and industry qualifications. They now stand me in good stead to take on my new position and all its responsibilities. I've worked in both sales and lettings, and I've found my real passion is lettings. I'm very proud to now be Lettings Manager.

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David Warke

Goodchilds successfully lets and manages thousands of properties, and deals with hundreds of sales valuations every month. We have won a number of awards over the last few years and I'm confident the Milton Keynes branch will continue with our award-winning work.

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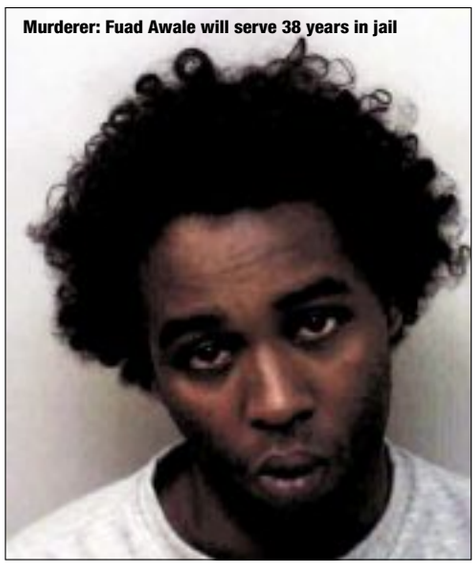
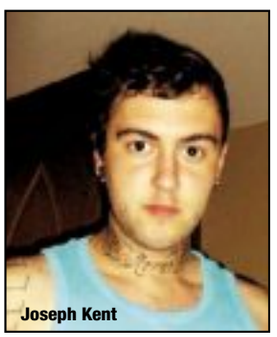


Murderer: Fuad Awale will serve 38 years in jail

Man dies after assault in city



Joseph Kent

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A MAN has died after an assault in the city centre in the early hours of Sunday.

Joseph Kent, aged 24, died early yesterday evening at Milton Keynes Hospital where he was being treated for critical injuries.

Mr Kent, a tattoo artist and a drummer in a local band, was a newlywed who had married in August.

Friends and wellwishers were last night rushing to pay tribute to Mr Kent on his Facebook page.

Police are still investigating the incident on Sunday morning, outside Xscape on Avebury Boulevard, in which two other men, aged 22 and 25, were also assaulted but later released from hospital. They have called for more witnesses to come forward. Three men appeared in court yesterday in connection with the incident.

Chief Inspector Gill Wootton, senior investigating officer, said: "Our thoughts are with the family of the victim at this difficult time.

"In light of the tragic death of the victim, we will be reviewing the charges after examination of the results of the post mortem and medical evidence, in conjunction with the Crown Prosecution Service.

"Police continue to investigate this incident and we would urge anyone who has information or concerns relevant to the inquiry to call us."

The three men have each been charged with one count of GBH and two counts of ABH.

Samir Bostan, 25, of Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead, Hamza Noor, 22, of Ranelagh Road, Wembley, Middlesex, and Tariq Bostan, 26, of Wolston Meadow, Middleton, all appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court yesterday.

They have been remanded in custody and will appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on January 22.

Hospital staff issues raised in Parliament

ANSWERS are being called for after it emerged there are not enough staff at Milton Keynes Hospital.

The issue was raised yesterday in Parliament by city MP Iain Stewart and Shadow Health Secretary Andy Burnham.

The low staffing levels came to light after the Care Quality Commission (CQC) released a report on its latest inspection of the hospital, which took place in August last year.

It found 'there were not enough qualified, skilled and experienced staff to meet people's needs' and cited instances where staff took a long time to answer call bells. It said that call bells, tables, drinks and warm clothing were out of the reach of patients with dementia and 'challenging behaviour'.

The hospital has said it is reviewing staffing levels and already has an action plan in place.

But Mr Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, said: "The CQC's findings are concerning, especially at a time when more resources are going into the NHS locally and the number of clinical staff is increasing.

"As a matter of urgency I am raising this with the hospital's managers to find out what steps they are taking to address the shortcomings identified by the CQC."

He raised the issue in Health Questions in Parliament yesterday, along with Mr Burnham.

Milton Keynes Hospital has apologised for the findings in the report.

Lisa Knight, director of patient care and chief nurse at Milton Keynes Hospital, said: "The hospital is reviewing its staffing levels to ensure that every ward has the right number of doctors and nurses with the right skills to safely care for their patients and that all patients' needs are met."

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I heart MK Hospital: Patient Tim Percival, centre front, with the cardiology team after his operation

First patient receives special heart device

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's hospital last week fitted its first advanced heart device – and the patient is now feeling 'on top of the world'.

Tim Percival, 74, was suffering from heart failure and was chosen as the first Milton Keynes Hospital patient to receive a biventricular defibrillator which helps keep the heart beat balanced. In the past patients have needed to travel to Oxford.

Tim, who had surgery last Monday, said: "I couldn't walk from the wheelchair to the bed. I'd be gasping for air. I couldn't lay down and had to sit in a chair to sleep.

"It was touch and go. At one point I'd been given a five to 20 per cent chance to live.

"I feel good now – in fact I feel on top of the world at the moment. It's wonderful."

Milton Keynes Hospital decided to start the procedures almost a year ago and since then staff have been busy preparing, learning to use the new equipment and training for the change.

The device was installed by cardiology consultant Raj Khiani, who has previously fitted them for Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

With the service now up-and-running, Milton Keynes Hospital expects to be giving 60 patients bi-ventricular defibrillators each year.

Dr Khiani said: "These devices can prolong life, and also improve quality of life. We are really pleased that we'll now be able to help patients locally.

"It has been a real step up in the skills of our nursing staff – they've had more advanced training, a stronger skill mix and more experience. The team did exceptionally well.

"It's good for patients, it's good for the team and its good for the hospital."

Tim was full of praise for both Dr Khiani, who he called 'the king pin', and the 'fantastic' staff.

He said: "They deserve a medal for all they do – I can't press home enough how fantastic they've been.

"This is the best hospital I've been to."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Shopper numbers up

VISITOR numbers to Midsummer Place Shopping Centre increased last year from 17.275million to 17.5million people – the largest footfall the centre has seen since it opened. Figures released yesterday showed early sales had an effect, with 200,000 more visitors in November compared to the year before, and revealed a dramatic surge in the two weeks before Christmas Day, up 10.04 per cent for the week beginning December 10.

Gift wrappers' delight

THE Advantage Africa fundraising gift-wrapping scheme has this year raised £7,000. The money, raised by volunteers who wrapped shoppers' presents in Midsummer Place, will go to helping people disadvantaged by poverty, disability and HIV in Africa. The scheme last year raised enough to provide 3,000 families with malaria nets and feed 30,000 vulnerable children.

Burglary numbers show improvement

NEW figures released to MK NEWS show an improvement in the number of burglaries during December.

Between April 2012 and January there have been 610 burglaries in the city compared with 600 in the same period the previous year – a rise of 1.66 per cent.

The figure was revealed after this paper last week reported burglaries were up 14 per cent for the period April to November 2012, with 532 recorded as opposed to 466 for the same period in 2011.

Thames Valley Police has been carrying out a specific operation to target burglaries since the clocks went back in October, called Operation Dark Night.

HMV is to appoint administrators

MUSIC store HMV is to appoint an administrator, throwing the future of its city centre outlet into doubt.

The 91-year-old entertainment chain has a large store in the city, based in thecentre:mk, and yesterday as MK NEWS went to press the staff there were waiting to hear more news on its future.

The company's board released a statement late on Monday to say it intended to appoint administrators. They will keep stores running while assessing prospects for the business.

To read about the closure of all Jessops camera stores across the UK, including two in Milton Keynes, see page 13.

Council signs £32m transfer

AN 'HISTORIC occasion' for the city was marked on Monday after the official transfer of £32million in land and property to Milton Keynes Council.

The authority will now take over the management of the former Homes and Community Agency (HCA) land and property, which includes making all planning decisions.

This will be the first time in the city's history that the local council has had full planning control over all land in the area, as previously there has always been some land owned and managed by government agencies.

The official handover was marked by a ceremony held last Friday on a site in South Second Street, Central Milton Keynes – one of the parcels of land being transferred across to the council.

Council leader Andrew Geary said: "It's no exaggeration to say that this is an historic occasion, not just for the council but for the whole of Milton Keynes.

"This is truly localism in action."

'Moronic' pitch invader gets ban

BY DAN PALMER
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A PITCH invader who bared his backside in front of visiting football supporters at stadiummk has been banned from the home of MK Dons for three years.

Yousef Ayub, 23, ran onto the pitch from the East Stand after Karl Robinson's side had beaten Carlisle United 2-0 in September. He made a beeline for the travelling fans who were housed in the North Stand behind the goal.

On Thursday Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court was told that Ayub made obscene gestures with his hands, before lowering his trousers in a 'mooning' gesture.

He then made more gestures before heading towards the tunnel where he sat down, allowing stewards to detain him. Ayub, of Angus Drive, Bletchley, was later arrested.

The court was told that the attendance for the League One fixture was 7,227, with 381 of those supporting the visitors.

Members of the Carlisle support reported the incident to PC Jimmy O'Brien, a Football Liaison Officer who was at the match, with some complaining that their children had seen what had happened.

Ayub's solicitor Mr Price described the pitch invasion as 'moronic' and called it an act of 'complete and utter stupidity'.

"He went to the game not to cause a scene but to watch a football match, which he did," said Mr Price.

"He was with his friends and there was some egging on, and someone said: 'I bet you won't go on and taunt the away fans'.

"In the end he decided to do that. It was rather bizarre and very stupid."

'Moronic': Yousef Ayub on the stadiummk pitch after the Carlisle game

Ayub received a football banning order which prohibits him from attending stadiummk three hours before and three hours after a home game, and when Dons play away he cannot travel to the town or city where they are playing.

In addition to the ban he was also fined £85.

New police appeal after crash

A NEW appeal for witnesses is being made after a driver was seriously injured in a crash last month.

At about 1.45pm on Friday, December 21, a silver Ford Transit van and a silver Vauxhall Astra collided on the H4 Dansteed Way, at the junction with Capel Drive in Downs Barn.

The driver of the Astra, a 61-year-old man, suffered serious chest injuries and has only just been discharged from the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

Police are keen to speak to a lady called 'Julie' who assisted the driver at the scene.

PC Ian Leyland, investigating, said: "The driver was pleased that in his time of need he was looked after by ordinary members of the public who stopped and did what they could.

"He would like to thank everyone that helped.

"We already have the details of a male motorist but we'd also like to speak to the lady we believe is called Julie. If she can contact me via the Police Enquiry Centre on 101 and leave a message, then I will get in touch."

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Parking charge rises are 'very modest'

SIR – Your report on young people opposing any reduction in their subsidised bus fares (MK NEWS, January 9) illustrates how keen the council is for comments on any aspect of the draft budget for the year ahead.

We all need to work together to deliver the best range of services, despite tight financial constraints. We have proposed a wide range of efficiencies, to deliver the same services for less cost. Even after these efficiencies, and with a proposed 1.95 per cent council tax rise, there will not be enough money for all the services the council has previously provided. So with regret, some services will need to be trimmed and/or some prices will have to go up. Our proposals attempt to spread this burden as thinly and fairly as we can.

The proposed budget involves spending all available money on local services. So if your readers believe that one group of people should have more spent on them than is being proposed, please tell us, and please tell us how you'd find this extra money: what other services would you cut back, or what prices would you increase?

We are proud of our proposals to invest some £50million-plus improving highways and redways. We hope all motorists will agree that an extra 10p (standard) or 20p (premium) per hour for CMK parking is a very modest contribution to this programme.
Councillor John Bint
Transport and Highways

Thanks for generous donations to appeal

SIR – May I thank everyone who contributed to the Christ the Cornerstone Christmas Appeal.

Our target was £3,000. In fact we have raised £5,816 due to the generosity of the people of our city.

This will be divided between Open Door, who work with the homeless in Milton Keynes, the YMCA, which helps young people, CAFOD's clean water and sanitation projects in Africa and the Redway School on Netherfield, whose pupils have a range of learning difficulties.

We also trebled our Christmas donation to the Food Bank.
Sam Crooks
Sent by e-mail

Spend parking money repairing the potholes

SIR – I see the council made £6.5 million from parking fees.

It's a pity it doesn't use that cash to repair potholes in the roads.

I reported some very large potholes at the beginning of this month and received an email saying they would be scheduled for repair. Thus far nothing has been done.

I note that after a recent court case in Coventry it was deemed that councils are responsible for the cost of repairs to vehicles if the damage is caused by potholes.
William Grist
Great Holm

This atmospheric snow scene in Campbell Park was snapped by Dino Vescera during a walk on Monday. Send your pictures to www.mk-news.co.uk. We'd love to share them online. And we'll publish the best in the paper.

Rise in burglaries comes as no surprise

SIR – Those of us of a certain age will not be surprised to hear about the rise in burglaries in Milton Keynes (MK NEWS, January 9).

The Margaret Thatcher-inspired recession of the 1980s and the John Major-inspired recession of the 1990s were also characterised by a rise in burglaries. So it is not surprising that the Cameron/Clegg-recession also features a rise in burglaries.

What is most alarming is that the coalition government, at a time of rising crime, plans to get rid of 20,000 police jobs over the next few years and privatise many of the jobs previously done by workers in the police service.

After the Olympic Games fiasco one is not reassured at the prospect of G4S, or another profit-driven company, taking over some of this vital police work.

As we stand on the brink of a triple dip recession I fear that the only growth that people in Milton Keynes will see over the next few years is in the sale of burglar alarms and in the length of the queues at food banks.
Dave Brunwin
Stony Stratford

We need all our roads open in Milton Keynes

SIR – I read with interest the article about the moving of market stalls (MK NEWS, January 9).

My first reaction to Primark at CMK was and is 'oh no, not another clothes shop'. Then to want to take away our bridge/road to accommodate it and change the market location as well is a bit much.

If they feel the need to open another clothes shop then use existing sites like Sainsbury's or the soon-to-be-empty Waitrose.

Or they could also apply to build on the old Frosts Garden Centre.

It was an inconvenience when the fire shut the Secklow Gate bridge off and you had to drive the long way round to get to the other side. And the increase in traffic was substantial.

Our road structure was meant to maintain a constant flow of vehicles from whatever direction you were travelling to or from.
Joan Warren
Oldbrook

Rotary Club Santa Tour raises £5,845

SIR – Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club would like to say a big thanks to everyone who gave so generously to our Santa Tour which raised £5,845 in just 15 days. This will be distributed to local charities and voluntary organisations.

Special thanks also go to all those who helped our members with the collections and to the management and staff of Budgens in Stony Stratford, Sainsbury's in Central Milton Keynes and Tesco in Wolverton for allowing us to collect at their stores.
Marcus Rixon
Wolverton & Stony Stratford Rotary

Jon Brett has hit the nail on the head

SIR – Jon Brett's column (MK NEWS, January 9), hit the nail on the head.

When Milton Keynes was developed the architects had an outstanding vision of a new town.

Nearly half a century on we can see how Milton Keynes has prospered and grown. We can thank the foresight of those early architects and town planners for not only the quality of the buildings but also for setting out the infrastructure, the grid roads, parks, open spaces, green corridors, underpasses, redways and so on. The problem is, as Jon Brett points out, since the mid-80s there have been some appalling planning decisions, such as, 'the eyesore that is The Hub'.

Unfortunately this lack of real vision continues with respect to the proposals for the new Primark store in the city centre.

Is it not time someone stood up and said 'enough is enough'?

By all means, let's have new buildings but let them be consistent with the original core vision of the town and cityscape, rather than something that proposes to destroy and undermine the landscape and arteries of the town.
David Chandler
Sent by e-mail

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20 extra police to get Tasers in MK

Stun gun: An additional 20 officers in Milton Keynes will carry Taser electronic stun guns on the beat

BY JAMES AVERILL
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MORE police officers in Milton Keynes will be equipped with Taser stun guns.

Thames Valley Police says that the number of officers trained to use Tasers across the force will increase by 280 to 485.

This equates to a rise from 4.9 per cent of officers to 11 per cent. In Milton Keynes an additional 20 officers will carry Tasers.

The officers will be trained in the use of the electronic stun guns and will carry them permanently while on the beat.

In 2012 there were 986 incidents of Tasers being authorised across the Thames Valley area, but they were used on just 16 occasions.

Assistant Chief Constable John Campbell, who is responsible for tactical support, said: "Over the past three years we have seen a rise in the number of incidents firearms officers with Tasers attend to provide support to unarmed colleagues.

"These are incidents where officers are faced with someone who is threatening violence or has the potential to cause significant harm to officers or members of the public.

"On many occasions the offender will be believed to be carrying weapons.

"We tend to find that when coming up against a violent person, the presence of a Taser deters them from causing any more problems."

In 2010-11 there were 178 recorded assaults on Thames Valley police officers, but that figure rose to 246 the following year, an increase of 38 per cent.

Asst Chief Constable Campbell says this was one of the key reasons for the new policy.

"We have experienced a rise in the number of assaults on officers and staff," he said.

"This move will provide further protection to our officers."

Prior to this change of policy, Thames Valley was one of just five forces in England and Wales that only permitted firearms officers to carry Tasers.

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Bras off for charity

HUNDREDS of bras were collected in the name of charity on Saturday. Staff from Energie Fitness for Women in Newport Pagnell collected the old and unwanted bras from women in Midsummer Place Shopping Centre, to help raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. For information on the trust see www.teenagecancertrust.org.

Top teacher's visit

ONE of Britain's highest profile headteachers will be giving a talk at an open-to-all evening event on Thursday, January 22. Dr Martin Stephen, the chairman of the Headmasters and Headmistress Conference in 2004 and former headteacher at The Manchester Grammar School will be talking at The Webber Independent School in Stantonbury on 'Identifying and Teaching the Gifted Child'. Attendance is free, to register e-mail l.weaving@wis.gemsedu.co.uk.

Black and white just fine for 31 TV viewers

NEW TV licence figures released this week show that 31 households in Milton Keynes still watch TV in black and white.

The official statistics show that as well as 31 in MK, there are still over 13,000 black and white licence owners in the UK.

Experts said that the most likely reason for owning one was down to economics. A black and white licence costs £49, while a full colour licence costs £145.

Television sets have now been available in colour for 46 years.

Do you still watch black and white telly or do you know someone who does? If you do, we'd like to hear from you at editor@mk-news.co.uk.

Festive drink-driving is down

THE number of drink drivers in Milton Keynes has fallen over Christmas – although the city still has the highest figures in the Thames Valley police area.

Figures released by police show that 38 people were arrested for drink-driving in MK during December.

Despite being the highest – the next was Reading with 36 – the figures are down on last year when 46 people were arrested.

Police have said this is due to a concerted campaign targeting those who drink, and then drive the following morning.

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Volunteer helps out in Africa

A STUDENT from Whaddon has spent six months in Zimbabwe helping with a range of causes.

Daniel McLaren, 25, helped some of the world's poorest people, including making a presentation on HIV to an audience of more than 3,000.

Daniel said: "We were at a cultural festival, and we negotiated to talk about HIV which is a big issue in Zimbabwe.

"The presentation went really well, and people who watched it said that it really changed their views towards people who live with the condition."

Fourteen per cent of Zimbabwe's population suffer with the disease, and it is a large contributing factor to one-in-four children aged under 18 being orphans.

During the presentation, Daniel and his fellow volunteers urged locals to be tested and look after their sexual health.

"Often those who have HIV are ostracised within the community," said Daniel.

"But we had people say that from now on they would sympathise with them and treat them better. They said we shouldn't stop what we are doing because it would make a difference."

The experience has helped shape his future plans, and he is now heading to Cape Town, South Africa, to start a Masters Degree in Human Rights Law.

Daniel McLaren who spent six months in Zimbabwe as a volunteer worker. And, *inset*, working with young people in the country

£264k lottery win unclaimed in MK

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A HUGE National Lottery prize of more than a quarter of a million pounds has yet to be claimed by a lucky MK winner.

The winning ticket, bought in the city, scooped the **£264,317** prize in the draw on Saturday, December 29. But the winner has not yet come forward to claim their prize.

The numbers on that day were 6, 8, 31, 37, 40, 48, and the bonus ball was 36.

The search is now on to find the owner of the winning ticket, who matched five numbers and the bonus ball, and who has until June 27 to claim their prize.

National Lottery players are being urged to check and double-check their tickets for the chance to claim this life-changing prize.

A National Lottery spokesman said: "Try checking in the pockets of clothing, in wallets, bags and down the back of the sofa – someone out there could literally be sitting on a fortune.

"We have the champagne on ice and our fingers crossed that the lucky winner comes forward to claim their win."

If unclaimed, the prize money will go to The National Lottery Good Causes, adding to the £29billion already raised through sales of lottery tickets since The National Lottery launched in November 1994.

To jog Lotto players' memories, He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother by The Justice Collective topped the UK singles chart at the time, while Emeli Sande was at the top of the album charts with Our Version of Events.

Football fans may remember that MK Dons were in action on December 29 against Coventry City, losing 3-2.

If you think you are the winner, make sure to call 0845 910 0000 before the June deadline.

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Manning trial to start

THE trial of the man accused of the murder of Rachel Manning in December 2000 is set to begin fully on Monday. The jury for the trial of Shahidul Ahmed was sworn in at Luton Crown Court yesterday, and prosecution counsel is set to begin today. The court is then expected to adjourn until Monday. Mr Ahmed denies murder.

Bag snatched

A WOMAN was robbed on Avebury Boulevard in CMK at 6.54pm last Wednesday. A man demanded her bag and threatened to punch her. The offender is black, 5ft 8in, slim, clean shaven with short black hair, in his early to mid-20s. Anyone with information should call 101.

Man raped woman in her home

A MAN was yesterday convicted of raping a woman in her home.

David Billington, 21, of Angel Close, Pennyland, was convicted of two counts of rape, two counts of sexual assault and one count of ABH following a trial at Amersham Crown Court.

On July 1 Billington entered a property in the Bradville area while a woman in her 50s was asleep. He then subjected her to a physical and sexual assault.

Investigating officer DS Luke Grove from Milton Keynes CID said: "This was a nasty and sustained attack on a woman in her own home."

Billington will be sentenced on Friday, February 22.

Police hunt car metal thieves

THAMES Valley Police are on a hunt for thieves who stole catalytic converters from four cars in Milton Keynes at the weekend.

The converters are found underneath the car and control the vehicle's exhaust emissions.

Converters were stolen from two cars in Summerhay in Great Linford, and vehicles in Alverton, Great Linford and Mercers Drive, Bradville.

There have been a series of these thefts thanks to the high price of metal, and police are urging drivers to keep their converters safe.

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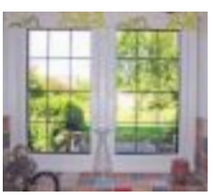

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4583B-1/1	Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language	Thu	23 weeks	10-Jan-13	17:30-19:30	CW	2	£350	Free
4603C-1/1	L1 Award in Volunteering	Thu	3 days	18-Feb-13	09:30-15:30	CW	1	£100	Free
4603D-1/1	L1 Award in Volunteering	Thu	3 days	20-Feb-13	09:30-15:30	CW	1	£100	Free

Are you a **handy** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£)
4186D-1/1	C&G 2399 -12 Award in the Installation and Maintenance of Small Scale Solar Photovoltaic Systems	Mon-Fri	1 week	21-Jan-13	09:00-17:00	CW	3	£750	NA
4186E-1/1	C&G 2399 -12 Award in the Installation and Maintenance of Small Scale Solar Photovoltaic Systems	Mon - Fri	1 week	25-Feb-13	09:00-17:00	CW	3	£750	NA
4186F-1/1	C&G 2399 -12 Award in the Installation and Maintenance of Small Scale Solar Photovoltaic Systems	Mon - Fri	1 weeks	18-Mar-13	09:00-17:00	CW	3	£750	NA
3337A-1/1	Motorcycle Maintenance	Mon	10 weeks	04-Mar-13	18:00-21:00	B	NA	£150	NA
3690A-1/1	Motor Car Maintenance	Wed	10 weeks	06-Mar-13	18:00-21:00	B	NA	£150	NA

Are you a **foodie** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£)
4122F-1/1	Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders	Mon	1 day	22-Jan-13	09:30-17:30	B	2	£150	NA
4122G-1/1	Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders	Mon	1 day	12-Feb-13	09:30-17:30	B	2	£150	NA
4122H-1/1	Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders	Thu	1 day	12-Mar-13	09:30-17:30	B	2	£150	NA
4394C-1/1	Cup-Cakes (Valentines)	Thu	1 day	04-Feb-13	17:30-20:30	B	NA	£40	NA
4394D-1/1	Cup-Cakes (Mother's Day)	Thu	1 day	04 -Mar-13	17:30-20:30	B	NA	£40	NA
4617-1/1	French Bread Making	Thu	1 day	17-Jan-13	17:00-21:00	B	NA	£45	NA
4618-1/1	Italian Bread Making	Thu	1 day	21-Mar-13	17:00-21:00	B	NA	£45	NA
0232-1/1	Level 2 Certificate in General Patisserie and Confectionery	Sat	26 weeks	12-Jan-13	09:00-16:00	B	NA	£900	NA

Are you a **creative** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£
0682A-1/1	Fashion Cutting & Re-Styling Tech	Tue	14 weeks	05-Feb-13	17:30-21:00	B	2	£600	NA
4523B-1/1	Flash Lashes	Sat	1 day	23-Mar-13	10:00-16:00	B	NA	£100	NA
4526B-1/1	Spray Tanning	Sat	1 day	02-Mar-13	10:00-16:00	B	NA	£100	NA
4527B-1/1	Eyebrow Definition	Sat	1 day	16-Feb-13	10:00-17:00	B	NA	£100	NA
4528B-1/1	Threading	Thu	1 day	7-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	B	NA	£50	NA
4529A-1/1	Ear Candles	Sat	1 day	09-Feb-13	10:00-16:00	B	NA	£100	NA
0906-1/1	Photography - Darkroom Techniques	Mon	10 weeks	14-Jan-13	18:00-21:00	B	3	£250	NA
2975-1/1	Digital Photography	Thu	10 weeks	10-Jan-13	18:00-21:00	U	2	£250	NA
4348-1/1	Level 2 Certificate in Colouring	Wed	20 Weeks	06-Feb-13	17:00-21:00	B	2	£400	NA

Are you a **caring** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£)
2797B-1/1	Setting Up A Home Based Child Care Service	Wed	11 weeks	16-Jan-13	18:30-20:30	CW	3	£340	NA
3967-1/2	Level 2 Diploma in Health & Social Care	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	CW	2	£800	NA
3968-1/2	Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	CW	3	£900	NA
3969-1/2	Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	CW	2	£800	NA
3970-1/2	Level 3 Diploma for the Children & Young Peoples Workforce	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	CW	3	£900	NA
4034-1/2	Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools	Mon	Flexible	Flexible	18:30-21:45	CW	2	£800	NA
4035-1/2	Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools	Tue	Flexible	Flexible	18:30-21:45	CW	3	£900	NA
4050-1/2	Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young Peoples Services	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	O	5	£2500	NA
1513-1/2	Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of Medicines	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	O	2	£400	NA
4510-1/2	Award in Understanding Working with People with Mental Health Issues	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	O	2	£400	NA
4606-1/2	Certificate in the principles of End of Life Care (QCF)	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	Flexible	O	2	£400	NA

Are you a **sporty** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£)
1866B-1/1	Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym Based)	Mon-Fri	16 weeks	25-Feb-13	09:00-17:00	B	2	£500	Free
3859-1/1	Applying the Principles of Nutrition to a Physical Activity Programme	Mon	16 weeks	25-Feb-13	18:00-20:30	B	3	£250	NA

Are you a **business** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£)
2125E-1/1	City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Bookkeeping	Thu	13 weeks	28-Feb-13	18:00-20:45	CW	1	£200	Free
2125E2-1/1	City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Bookkeeping	Fri	13 weeks	01-Mar-13	09:15-12:00	CW	1	£200	Free
0360H-1/1	AAT Level 2 Certificate in Accounting (Intensive)	Thu	24 weeks	10-Jan-13	09:15-15:15	CW	2	£850	Free
0361J-1/2	AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting	Mon & Wed	1 year	25-Feb-13	18:00-20:45	CW	3	£1000	Free
0361A-1/2	AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting	Wed	1 year	27-Feb-13	09:15-15:15	CW	3	£1000	Free
0431J-1/2	AAT Level 4 Diploma in Accounting	Mon & Wed	18 months	25-Feb-13	18:00-20:45	CW	4	£1250	Free
4501B-1/1	Level 2 Award in Administration	Tue	15 weeks	05-Feb-13	18:00-21:15	CW	2	£250	Free
4499-1/1	Customer Service Excellence	Fri	1 day	25-Jan-13	09:00-17:00	U	NA	£100	NA
4498-1/1	Building Teamworking Skills	Fri	1 day	22-Feb-13	09:00-17:00	U	NA	£100	NA
2127B-1/1	ILM Level 3 Award in First Line Management	Wed	12 weeks	20-Mar-13	18:00-20:45	U	3	£400	NA
2969B-1/1	ILM Level 4 Award in Management	Wed	12 weeks	20-Mar-13	18:00-20:45	U	4	£500	NA
3836-1/1	CIMA Diploma in Management Accounting - Financial Operations	Thu	15 weeks	17-Jan-13	18:00-21:15	CW	5	£500	NA
2562-1/2	CIPD Certificate in Human Resources Practice	Tue	36 weeks	22-Jan-13	17:15-21:15	U	5	£900	NA

Are you an **IT** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£)
3249B-1/1	CompTIA Network +	Mon	15 weeks	25-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	CW	NA	£300	NA
3696A-1/1	Web Production Skills	Mon	15 weeks	25-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	CW	NA	£400	NA
3841-1/1	Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Mon	15 weeks	04-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	CW	NA	£250	NA
3842-1/1	Level 2 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Mon	15 weeks	04-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	CW	NA	£250	NA
3846-1/1	Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise Desktop Support	Mon	15 weeks	25-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	CW	NA	£400	NA
3847C-1/1	Microsoft Digital Literacy (Jan start)	Tue	6 weeks	29-Jan-13	18:00-21:00	CW	Entry	£100	NA
3848B-1/1	CompTIA Strata (Feb start)	Thu	15 weeks	28-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	CW	Entry	£250	NA
3850-1/1	CCNA Exploration Routing Protocols and Concepts	Mon	15 weeks	25-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	U	3	£300	NA
3852-1/1	CCNA Exploration Accessing the WAN	Wed	15 weeks	27-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	U	3	£300	NA
4376B-1/1	Maintaining a Home PC/Laptop	Fri	½ day	01-Mar-13	09:00-12:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4377B-1/1	How to Secure a Home PC/ Laptop	Fri	½ day	01-Mar-13	13:00-16:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4378B-1/1	Introduction to Word 2010	Fri	½ day	25-Jan-13	09:00-12:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4379B-1/1	Word 2010 for Businesses	Fri	½ day	25-Jan-13	13:00-16:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4380B-1/1	Introduction to Outlook 2010	Fri	½ day	15-Feb-13	13:00-16:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4381B-1/1	Introduction to PowerPoint 2010	Fri	½ day	08-Feb-13	09:00-12:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4382B-1/1	Presentations for Business PowerPoint 2010	Fri	½ day	08-Feb-13	13:00-16:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4383B-1/1	Windows 7 for Home Users	Fri	½ day	15-Feb-13	09:00-12:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4384B-1/1	Introduction to Hotmail/Email Accounts	Fri	½ day	08-Mar-13	09:00-12:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4385B-1/1	Gmail/Hotmail for Businesses	Fri	½ day	08-Mar-13	13:00-16:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4386B-1/1	Introduction to Excel 2010	Fri	½ day	01-Feb-13	09:00-12:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4387B-1/1	Basic Functions and Formulae in Excel 2010	Fri	½ day	01-Feb-13	13:00-16:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4388B-1/1	Effective Use of Mobile Devices (Apple)	Fri	½ day	15-Mar-13	09:00-12:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4389B-1/1	Effective Use of Mobile Devices (Android)	Fri	½ day	15-Mar-13	13:00-16:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4390B-1/1	Introduction to Audio/Video Editing	Fri	½ day	22-Mar-13	09:00-12:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4391B-1/1	Introduction to Digital Images	Fri	½ day	22-Mar-13	13:00-16:30	U	NA	£50	NA
4397-1/1	Introduction to Programming (.Net/C#)	Tue	15 weeks	26-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	CW	NA	£400	NA
4563B-1/1	CISCO IT Essentials - A+ Part 1	Tue	15 weeks	26-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	CW	NA	£300	NA
4564B-1/1	CISCO IT Essentials (Advanced) - A+ Part 2	Wed	10 weeks	27-Feb-13	18:00-21:00	CW	NA	£250	NA

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Support: June Southgate, who is backing the new campaign

Pilot ovarian cancer campaign launched

A PILOT scheme raising awareness of ovarian cancer has been launched in MK.

June Southgate, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer 18 months ago, is backing the Department of Health scheme, which will advertise the symptoms locally.

She said: "I would urge any woman who starts to notice changes in their stomach area, particularly persistent bloating lasting for a few weeks, to get it checked out as soon as you can."

Council rent goes up by £3-a-week

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A RENT increase of four per cent for council tenants has been agreed and will start in April.

That means those living in council homes face an average rise of around £3.26 per week, increasing typical rents to about £84.72 per week.

Service charges have also increased by four per cent, as have garage rents and shared ownership rents.

The Tory councillor in charge of housing, Peter Geary, says the rises are necessary to enable improvements such as replacement doors and windows to continue, and to ensure the council can start building more houses for those without a home.

He said they have lifted thousands out of fuel poverty with a regeneration scheme in the Lakes Estate, on houses that were costing 'a fortune to heat'.

He added: "We would have had to have stopped all regeneration if the rise had not been agreed, and that would have been disastrous.

"It's a difficult decision, but the more money you can bring in the more you can do. It's a balancing act."

But Cllr Douglas McCall, leader of the Lib Dems, said he thinks the Conservatives are not 'in tune' with those struggling financially.

"You've got people who are being squeezed from all sides," he said.

"This is just piling on the misery for those people, and we think this increase is too large."

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Plans for 18,000 jobs still on track

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE company behind proposals to build a huge new business park on the edge of the city will push ahead with the plans despite a recent setback.

Berkeley Strategic wants to construct the park (MKE), which would include offices and warehouses and could create 18,000 jobs, next to the M1 south of Newport Pagnell.

The site is bordered to the west and south by the M1, to the east by the A509 and to the north by the A422.

But as reported by MK NEWS last week the site is earmarked as green space in the council's Core Strategy, which sets out how the city will develop up until 2026.

And after being reviewed by Her Majesty's Planning Inspector, the Core Strategy has not been changed in this respect. That means any planning application for the site may not be approved.

But despite this, the company expects to forge ahead with its plans.

Adrian Brown, managing director of Berkeley Strategic, said: "Berkeley is promoting a long term, 21st century business park proposal that would create a natural extension to Milton Keynes.

"Berkeley will work in collaboration with the council and the wider community to develop plans for MKE which will help sustain future growth and complement the existing economy by stimulating employment and business growth.

"MKE has the potential to create around 18,000 jobs, generate access to significant training and apprenticeship opportunities and forge linkages with academic institutions. It would prove attractive to local, national and international businesses, and would contribute an additional £1.8billion per annum of GVA to the Milton Keynes economy.

"Engagement with the local community and the council in order to develop a plan for MKE, which will bring major job opportunities for local people and wider community benefits, is likely to commence later this year."

Young reader

CENTRAL Milton Keynes Library welcomed its youngest member recently – at just two-and-a-half-days-old.

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Antony Kay is voted Player of the Month

BY DAN PALMER
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CENTRE back Antony Kay has been named as the second MK Dons/MK NEWS Player of the Month.

The 30-year-old scooped the award for December after a run of impressive displays in the heart of the Dons back four.

He was unveiled as the winner before Saturday's League One match with Bury at stadiummk, which finished as a 1-1 draw.

Season ticket holder Dave Lane presented him with a bottle of champagne prior to kick-off and then watched the game from Club Red – his prize for casting his vote in the online Player of the Month poll.

Every player in Karl Robinson's squad is eligible for your vote each month and it's completely free to take part. Each month one voter is picked at random to win the prize Mr Lane enjoyed against Bury.

After the presentation Kay said: "I was really surprised to hear that I had won the award but also really pleased.

"Me and Shaun Williams have struck up a good partnership over the past few months so I think this award is more in recognition of that than my own individual performances."

Winner: MK Dons season ticket holder Dave Lane presents Antony Kay with his bottle of champagne before Saturday's game with Bury

Former Huddersfield Town man Kay narrowly edged out striker Ryan Lowe who wasn't able to secure the most votes despite scoring four times during the month.

However, Mr Lane, who lives in Newport Pagnell and has been watching Dons since the National Hockey Stadium days, said that Kay's performances had been 'outstanding'.

"I think he saved as many goals at the back as Lowe scored," he said.

Midfielder Luke Chadwick won the inaugural Player of the Month competition in November, which was launched after MK NEWS teamed up with the city's football club.

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Jobs go as Jessops is shut down

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BOTH city branches of camera equipment chainstore Jessops have been shut after the company's administrators announced all 187 UK stores would have to close.

As a result 23 people, employed at the stores in thecentre:mk and on Elder Gate, will lose their jobs.

PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC), was appointed administrator of the ailing company last Wednesday and at 4.30pm on Friday it announced the closure of all stores.

Rob Hunt, joint administrator and partner at PwC, said: "Since my appointment we have reviewed the position of the business and held extensive discussions with suppliers around their support for ongoing trading.

"It is apparent that we cannot continue to trade and as a result we have had to make the difficult decision to begin the closure of all 187 Jessops stores.

"Regrettably, this will result in around 1,370 job losses across the stores with further job losses likely, in due course, at the head office in Leicester.

"As a consequence of the closure, Jessops is no longer able to accept returned products from customers.

"This is an extremely sad day for Jessops and its employees.

"We are very grateful for the support we have received since our appointment and we will continue to ensure that employees are paid as they assist us during the closure."

Updates for consumers will be available through the Jessops and PwC websites at www.pwc.co.uk/jessops.

Shut: Jessops in Elder Gate has closed its doors for the last time, as has the store in CMK

Driver suffers shock in smash

A WHITE stretch limousine was damaged by a car that did not stop on Saturday.

At 5.50pm the limo was travelling along Queen Eleanor Street in Stony Stratford towards the junction with Wolverton Road. As it reached the junction with London Road, a car pulled out without giving way and hit the passenger side of the limousine.

The limo driver, a man aged 71, was shocked but not injured.

The car which hit the limo was dark in colour and is believed to be a Ford, based on debris left at the scene.

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The street artist who

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IF YOU walk around Milton Keynes and come to a wall decorated with aerosol paintings, then there's a high chance Arkade was involved.

Because Arkade is a prolific MK street artist who aims to use his talent by painting on walls and buildings to add a splash of colour to the city.

Arkade, aged 30, real name Neil Kean, meets me at the Total Dojo Martial Arts Club, where he has done several pieces.

Arkade has painted across MK

There's a 15 foot Buddha on one of the walls, and it doesn't take an art connoisseur to work out that this isn't graffiti, these are the paintings of a very talented man.

"I wasn't a stand out kid at school really, but I did know I was good at art," says Arkade.

"Art lessons didn't feel like work. For me they were a time to enjoy and relax.

"As soon as the word graffiti is used people tend to think negatively about it.

"They associate it with vandalism because it's an aerosol can. On paper it looks bad. But if you actually come and see the piece of artwork we've done then you might not think that any more."

Arkade has become used to antagonism from some people as he sets about his work. Just recently he was commissioned by his friend, Liz Cardash, to paint the end terrace of their house in Harwood Street, Bradwell.

Neil was given free rein to paint what he wanted, and settled on drawing a giant portrait of a blue tit.

"There was a man parked next to me in a van shouting obscenities as I was doing it. He was saying that it was a load of rubbish. You can't please people all the time!"

But growing numbers of people are beginning to appreciate street art, following the success of the mysterious Banksy.

And Arkade feels that his art is just as much about getting the community involved.

He's spent time at a host of schools in Milton Keynes such as Leon School, Stantonbury Campus and Oakhill Secure Centre for young offenders.

"At Oakhill I did a project where we got the young people to design their own trainers," he explains.

"Some of the younger ones did graffiti, so the work that I did appealed to them."

Examples of Arkade's work can be found in Tinkers Bridge, and a series of animals painted across Bradville.

He's also painted in Australia, and at the Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix.

Neil says he owes a lot to Bill Billings, an MK artist who he first met as a young boy.

"Bill wasn't too popular with the authorities because he used to paint or sculpt where he wasn't supposed to.

"But he was great because he used to get the community involved.

"He was the first independent person to say my work was good."

Arkade's next project is a mural at Milton Keynes Athletic Club in homage to Olympic long-jump gold medal winner Greg Rutherford.

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Arkade's blue tit in Bradwell

The Buddha painted in the Total Dojo Martial Arts Club in the Brunel Centre

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Write to MPs over cuts, urges fire chief

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE county's chief fire officer is so concerned at falling service funding that he has urged local businesses to write to their MPs.

Mark Jones, head of Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, argued in an open letter that the decline in grants to the fire service is unfair while business rates continue to grow.

He said: "Government grants to Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority have steadily reduced in real terms since 2007.

"I felt it was time to write to businesses in the area to share with them my concerns over the fact that the ever-increasing share of the business rates they pay is making an ever-decreasing contribution to our services."

Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority has an annual budget of £29million.

Sixty-one per cent of the money is raised through local council tax, while the rest is from government grants that are based on the Uniform Business Rate (UBR), a rate which determines how much local businesses pay to their local authority.

EMERGENCY: Mark Jones has called on businesses to write to MPs over threats that the government will further reduce grant funding

But while the UBR has risen for three consecutive years, Jones says in his letter that central government 'seem likely to reduce central grant funding further.'

He added: "Each year, the increasing contribution by businesses in this area funds ever less of the service.

"If financial restrictions placed upon us continue, there will come a time at which there is nowhere left to go but to cut emergency response services."

At the end of his letter Mr Jones added the contact details of local Conservative MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart, but denied that he wanted to make the debate politically motivated.

"This is not a political statement, and it is not intended to be construed in that way," he said.

"It is simply a plea from a fire chief who would wish to do all that is possible to retain the excellent emergency services to serve this area for many years to come."

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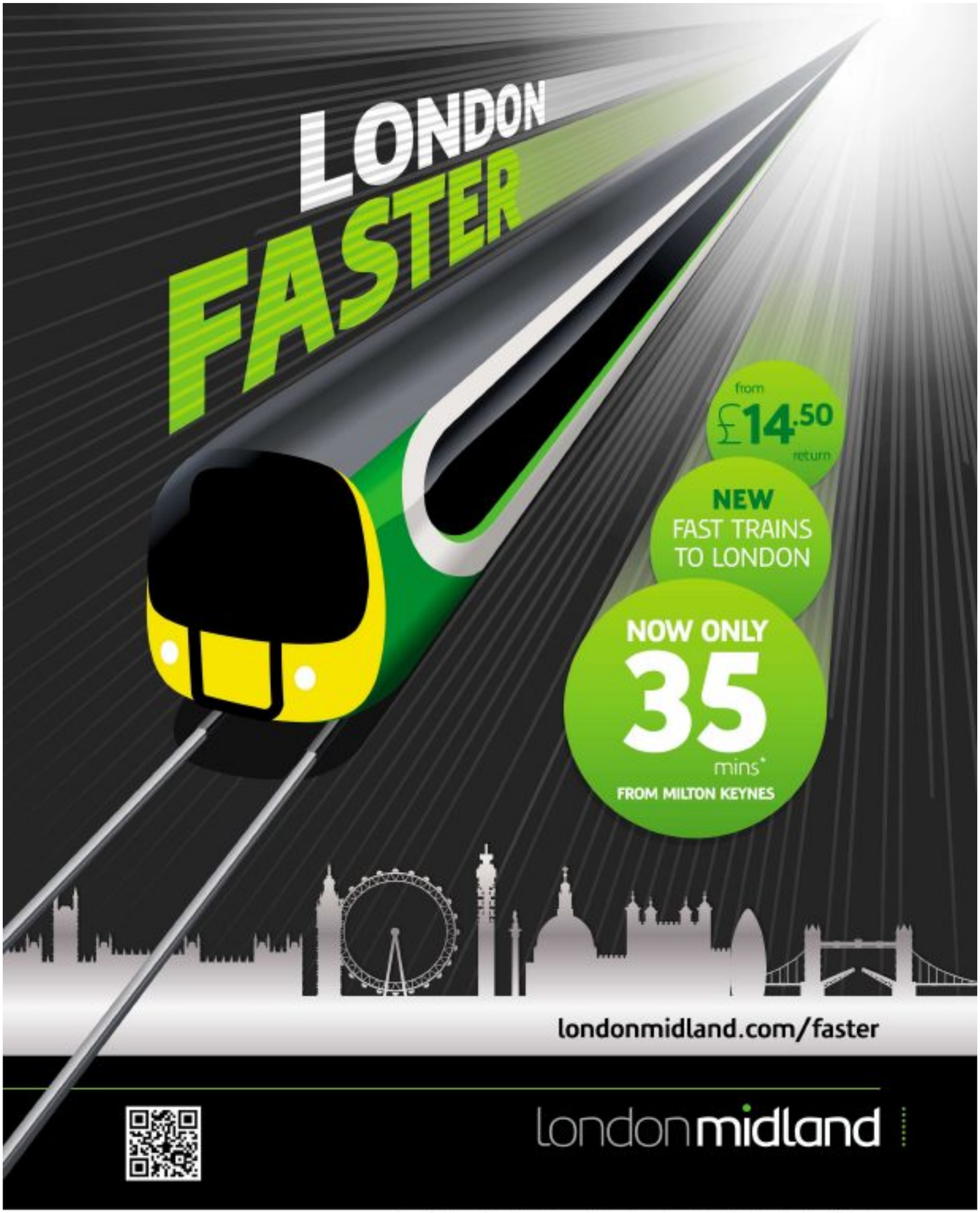
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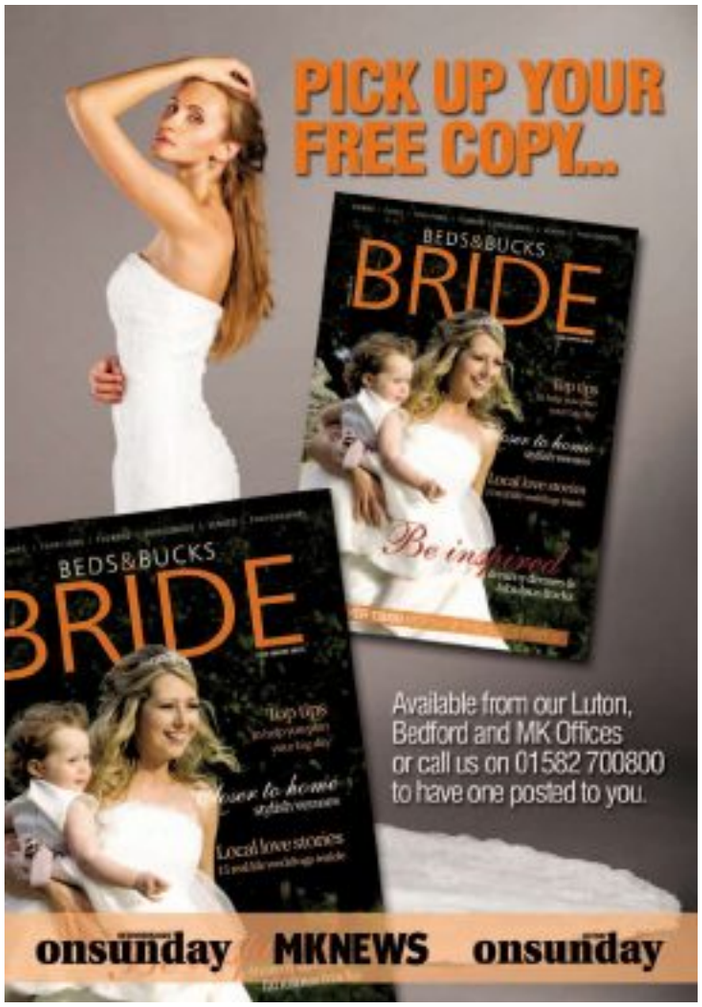

FISHERMEAD MURDERS

Murderers 'executed'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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ONE of the teenagers shot dead during a double murder in a Fishermead alleyway was killed simply to make the other victim 'very scared about what was to happen to him'.

That was according to the judge who last week sentenced two men to life in prison for murdering 19-year-old Mohamed Abdi Farah and his friend Amin Ahmed Ismail, aged just 18.

Investigating officer Rob Mason

Gunman Fuad Awale, 25, has been jailed for a minimum of 38 years while his accomplice Sharmake Abdulkadir, 22, from The Fleet, Springfield, was sentenced to a minimum 32 years.

The two Somalis gunned down fellow countrymen Mohamed, known as Moh, and Amin in an alleyway on Fishermead Boulevard on May 26, 2011.

Sending Awale, from Cranesbill Place, Conniburrow, to jail Mr Justice Nicol told him: "You were aggrieved because you believed Moh had some of your cannabis. You also thought he had insulted you a day or two before when he made a disparaging remark about your height.

"These were trifling matters, but you felt affronted.

"I am sure it was you who pulled a gun from your pocket and shot Amin through the head at relatively close range. He fell to the floor.

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"You told Moh to go down on his knees. He begged for his life. You ignored his pleas and shot him through the head as well."

The judge said Awale returned to the scene shortly afterwards, possibly to gather up some evidence, but found Amin was still alive and shot him again.

"Each of these three shots was fatal. Each had the characteristics of an execution," he said.

Abdulkadir was also found guilty of possession of a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence, but a third man Yahya Harun, 22, was found not guilty on all counts.

The trial was earlier told that the deaths were after a dispute over drugs 'turf'.

Mohamed was shot once in the head and died at the scene, while Amin received two gunshot wounds to the head and died later at Milton Keynes Hospital.

During the trial witnesses identified the defendants as being at the scene of the shootings, which was further corroborated by CCTV footage taken from a nearby off-licence.

Following the trial senior investigating officer DCS Rob Mason said the real motives may never be known, adding: "The murders of Mohamed and Amin were both senseless and indefensible."

For the families' reaction to the trial see pages 20 and 21, or for more go to www.mk-news.co.uk.

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Killers must never be

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE families of murder victims Amin Ahmed Ismail and Mohamed Abdi Farah have said that they are glad justice has been done, but say that the killers should never be released.

Both families expressed their relief at the sentences, but also anguish at the loss of their sons.

Mohamed's father, Hassan Abdi Farah, said that the killers had shown 'no remorse' and that they should be locked up forever.

"My family and I were happy and peaceful and had plans and aspirations," he said.

"After Mohamed's death we suffered a painful tragedy which wiped out all these plans.

"Mohamed and Amin's killers have not shown remorse. They have laughed when speaking about the evil things they have carried out and have shown no human feeling. They should never be released."

Mohamed's mother, Fadumo, said that there was 'a void that could never be filled'.

"I will always remember the last words he spoke were that he loved me," she said.

"I will never see Mohamed playing with his little brother. I will never see his lovely smile or face again. I miss him so much.

"A lot has been said about Mohamed in court. He was not a drug dealer.

"Mohamed's killers are cowards who hid behind their lawyers. Thankfully the jury did not believe their lies."

Amin's family also released a statement saying how his death had been 'devastating' to come to terms with.

"Amin was my only son and his death has had a devastating effect on me, his sisters and his family," said the statement.

"He was growing up to be the man of the house and the day before this tragedy happened he said one of his ambitions was to be able provide for his family.

"He always had a smile on his face and was a happy person who could light up a room. He will always be in our thoughts.

"We are relieved that justice has been done. These men carried out an evil act and are a danger to the community.

"We want them to remain in prison and don't want them to be allowed to hurt any other family like they have hurt us."

The incident caused a lot of shock in Fishermead and soon after the shootings a public meeting was held.

And while the deaths still cast a shadow over the area, residents feel that it is slowly becoming a safer place to live.

Inspector Andy O'Hanlon, of the police team for the Fishermead estate, said: "The shootings were an awful and tragic incident for the estate, but the community has proved to be resilient and is moving forward.

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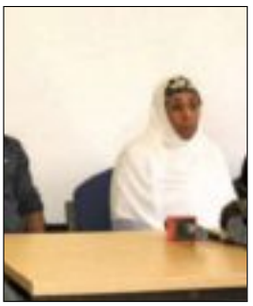

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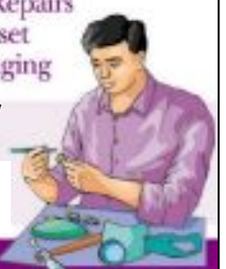

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Fireworks win annual photography contest

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A STUNNING explosion of fireworks in Campbell Park has won the top prize of The Parks Trust's 2012 Photography Competition .

The image was taken at Proms in the Park last summer, by amateur photographer Sue Martin who lives in Great Linford.

Sue scooped the overall prize in the annual competition and was presented with her award at a special ceremony last night.

She received £300 in photography vouchers, an official award certificate and the accolade of winning The Parks Trust's Photography Competition.

The photo is also featured on the front of this year's charity calendar, which raises money for the organisation which looks after the green spaces in Milton Keynes.

More than 140 entries were sent into The Parks Trust's Photography Competition, which had three different categories for both adults and young people, including wildlife, landscape and parklife.

Sue's winning image also won the parklife category as well as winning the overall prize.

All entries were carefully considered by a panel of judges from The Parks Trust, Destination MK and Milton Keynes College.

Commenting on the winning photo David Foster, chief executive of The Parks Trust, said: "The fantastic image of a shower of fireworks above the open-air theatre in Campbell Park captures the energy and spirit of a summer of celebrations in Campbell Park.

"The photo encompasses the new beacon, the new stage, and for The Parks Trust is a true expression of how brilliant the parks of Milton Keynes are."

Other category winners were Bob Gallaugher, Tilman Paulin, Paul Appleyard and Harry Appleyard.

The winning image and all short-listed images will be on display at Milton Keynes Central Library throughout June 2013. For information visit www.theparkstrust.com.

Winning entry: This stunning picture of fireworks over Campbell Park by Sue Martin has scooped top prize in The Parks Trust's competition

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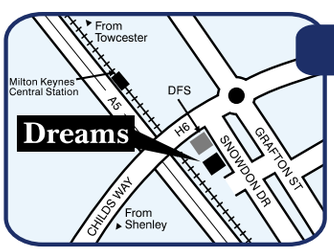

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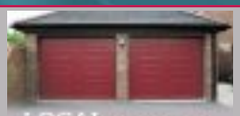

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You should remember that there doesn't necessarily need to be a career in mind (your life long ambition for them to be a doctor is unlikely to be affected by choosing Spanish over German) and it is much more important they choose options that suit their ability and interests. Give your child space when it comes to making these decisions, it is their choice, not yours.

Who can help?
Encourage your children to talk to as many people as possible, those who know their strengths and weaknesses and the subjects they are likely to excel at. If you have your own reservations arrange a meeting with subject teachers or the careers advisor, these people are there to help and that shouldn't mean solely on parent's evening. There are various websites which are also packed full of tips and advice, check out the young people section of www.directgov.co.uk

What subjects are on offer?
No two schools are the same, so you should always check the prospectus before making any concrete choices. Compulsory subjects will always include English, maths and science as well as courses and activities in PE, ICT and P.S.H.E. Many schools will also make a foreign language compulsory but this is not always the case.The other subjects that are on offer vary considerably, but some examples are history, geography, expressive-arts, business studies, catering, drama and music.

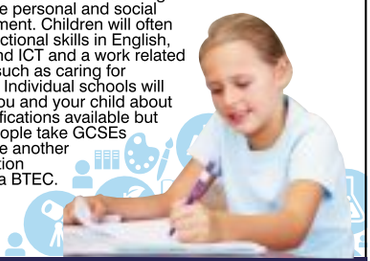
What are the different qualifications available?

GCSE: This will be the main element of your child's education up until the age of 16. There are three different types; a full GCSE, a short course GCSE and a double award GCSE. There are over 50 subjects that schools offer as a GCSE and they range from the traditional maths and English to subjects such as media studies and archaeology. GCSEs are graded from A* to G and can be assessed in a number of different ways; including a formal examination, coursework, oral and listening exams. Achieving five GCSEs at grade C and above will keep options wide open when it comes to higher and further education.

Diplomas: Some schools may also offer a diploma as a key stage 4 option. You can do a foundation and higher diploma and they are available in 14 subjects including travel and tourism and engineering. The diploma is a mix of classroom work and hands on experience and will be assessed by a mixture of written and practical work. A diploma will not qualify your child directly for a specific job but they will help you move on to an apprenticeship and other jobs which include training.

Vocational Qualifications: Many schools offer these alongside GCSEs and they are work related qualifications that link directly to a certain career path. Employers and professionals are widely involved in putting together these qualifications and there a number of different ones available such as BTECs and OCR Nationals. The subjects offered have much variation and there truly is something for everyone. For the budding beauticians, there are beauty therapy courses and an agricultural course for those wanting to get into farming. The assessments are both practical and theory based and are perfect for those who don't necessarily thrive in a traditional classroom environment.

Foundation learning: Schools also offer flexible learning programmes that are specifically designed to meet your child's needs. It often combines subject and vocational learning alongside personal and social development. Children will often learn functional skills in English, maths and ICT and a work related subject such as caring for children. Individual schools will advise you and your child about the qualifications available but many people take GCSEs alongside another qualification such as a BTEC.



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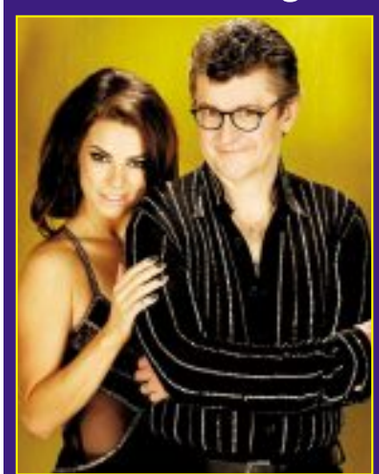

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New exhibition of Swiss art opening at MK Gallery

IT'S time for a new exhibition at MK Gallery – entitled What About Sunday?

Open from Friday with a preview tomorrow night between 6-9pm, this is the debut UK exhibition for Swiss artists Silvia Bächli and Eric Hattan.

You can expect drawings, video installations and sculptures as well as both individual and collaborative pieces.

Bächli works primarily in drawing and painting on paper and includes around 100 works made over the last 25 years, not previously exhibited.

Her drawings are both carefully considered and spontaneous, hinting at fleeting moments or movements, often evoking bodies or landscapes, without ever explicitly stating them.

Hattan's videos, installations and performances are similarly responsive to his surroundings, selecting and rearranging everyday items and finding beauty and humour in them. Pictured here is Snowhau, a video still. The exhibition runs until March 31 and is completely free.

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IT'S still only January but Django Unchained has to be one of the most anticipated films of the year.

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The story centres on a slave-turned-bounty-hunter who sets out to rescue his wife. Starring Jamie Foxx and Leonardo DiCaprio, you can expect plenty of violence and an enjoyable watch as Quentin tackles the genre in his own unique style.

classicstudies

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bigband

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The critically-acclaimed orchestra perform some of Britain's greatest swing hits, including work by the legendary Glen Miller.

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Chris Dean has been leading the orchestra since Syd Lawrence retired in 1996, and leads his high octane band with pace and humour.

The band showcase their expertise with a selection of jazz, vocals from Angie Mills and spectacular drum solos by Mike Smith.

Tickets for Friday night are £21 or £22.50 from www.stables.org.

theladykillers

WRITTEN by Father Ted creator and award-winning comic Graham Linehan, The Ladykillers opens at Milton Keynes Theatre next Wednesday.

This black comedy is a stage version of the 1955 film starring Alec Guinness. The 2013 adaptation is headlined by Michele Dotrice (Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em), Paul Brown (Doctors) and Cliff Parisi, Eastenders' Minty Peterson.

Linehan, also behind the cult comedy show The IT Crowd, pays homage to the original screenplay with his thrilling and hilarious script.

When kind-hearted old lady Mrs Wilberforce (Dotrice) lets Professor Marcus (Brown) and his amateur musician friends rent rooms in her lopsided house, little does she know that they are actually criminal misfits. And soon she finds herself unwittingly involved in Marcus' heist job with hilarious consequences.

We caught up with Graham Linehan and asked what is it that he finds funny?

Graham said: "I have always been a huge fan of everything from S. J. Perelman wordplay to Fawlty Towers pratfalls and everything in between. My favourite thing is awkwardness. I've always liked it when people have to get out of awkward situations with really obvious lies, as in the Ladykillers. It never fails to tickle me."

You can read the full interview with Graham online at www.mk-news.co.uk.

The Ladykillers opens at MK Theatre after a successful run in the West End. Tickets can be booked at www.atgtickets.co.uk.

literaryfeast

SATURDAY marks the beginning of the StonyWords!9 Festival of Literature, with a host of events taking place until Sunday, January 27.

The events will cover a broad spectrum of literature and will include quizzes, talks, exhibitions, songwriting, poetry, and an election of a new Bard of Stony Stratford.

A literary quiz is taking place on Thursday, January 24. The venue is yet to be confirmed, but it starts at 7.30pm and entry will be £5 per team for teams of from four to six, with tickets sold at the door.

Questions will range from classics to chick-lit and various points in between, so there should be something for everyone!

Also, see our Hot Picks sections for details on a Burns Night supper.

Keep watching www.stonystratford.gov.uk for details of events, and if you're tempted to get involved email jukeofstony@btinternet.com.

singparty

YOU are going to need noise-proof walls if you buy this game, or else you might annoy the neighbours.

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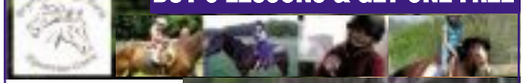

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ashmandrake

ASH Mandrake doesn't pretend to be mainstream.

His act contains a double-necked 16-string guitar that he designed himself, hats, and out-of-the-ordinary costumes.

Ash says he started touring in 2008, when he took three seats out of his Nissan and replaced them with a futon.

But don't let this distract you from his gifted musical ability and serious songwriting skills.

While a number of Ash's songs are folk rock, a variety of different genres are explored.

He makes his own backing track live on the spot using a loop recording machine, meaning each performance is unique.

Seeing Ash Mandrake live is an experience that is sure to stand out.

Ash is performing at the Craufurd Arms on Saturday January 19 at 9pm.

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bluesrock

GUITARIST Larry Miller is undeniably a must-see blues rock act and is playing at The Stables with his band on Saturday night at 8pm.

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burnsnight

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easylistening

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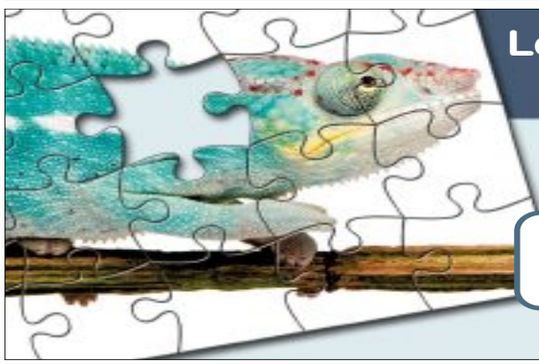

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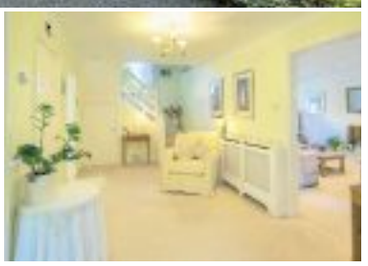

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- Conservatory

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Room
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- Rear Garden

Shipley Rd Guide Price £280,000

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- Open Plan Family Room/Diner/Kitchen
- Integral Garage & Rear Garage
- Master En-Suite
- Large Rear Garden

Priory Street OIEO £180,000

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- Conservatory
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- Living Room/Kitchen
- Master with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Landscaped Rear Garden

The Elms Guide Price £157,000

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- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- Garage, Front & Rear Gardens

Aintree Close £149,995

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- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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- Kitchen/Diner
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- Rear Garden

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- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
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- Viewing is Highly Recommended

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- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

Westcroft £289,950

- Five Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Accommodation over Three Stories
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Gardens to the Front & Rear
- Garage
- No Upper Chain

Shenley Lodge £250,000

- Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Balcony Overlooking the Green
- Driveway & Integral Garage

Oakhill £230,000

- Four Bedroom Property
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Two En-Suites
- Gardens to the Front & Rear
- Garage & Driveway

Rolvenden Grove £225,000

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- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Garage
- Gardens to the Front & Rear

Westcroft £220,000

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Gardens to the Front & Rear
- Driveway & Garage

Shenley Brook End £215,000

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Sought After Location
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Gardens to the Front & Rear
- Driveway & Garage
- No Upper Chain

Ladymeadow Court £215,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Home
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing is Highly Recommended

Russell Street £200,000

- Two Double Bedroom Terraced Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Village Location
- Refitted Kitchen Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Study Area Upstairs

Emerson Valley £185,000

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached
- Corner Plot, Cul-De-Sac Location
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Gardens to the Front & Rear
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Shenley Church End £185,000

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- Off Road Parking

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- Terrace Property
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazed
- Garden
- Gas to Radiator Heating

Wolverton £175,000

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- Double Bay Fronted
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Room/Dining Room
- Kitchen & Shower Room

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- Conservatory
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Deanshanger £250,000

- Unique Self Build Property
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Bradwell Common £245,000

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- Refitted Kitchen
- Gardens to the Front & Rear & Garage

Middleton £220,000

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- En-Suite to the Master Bedroom
- Rear Garden, Off Road Parking & Garage

Bletchley OIEO £220,000

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- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Feature Fireplace
- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking & Garage

Oakhill OIEO £215,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking
- No Onward Chain

Furzton £210,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Popular Location
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- Decorative Patio & Garage
- No Onward Chain

Milton Keynes OIEO £190,000

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- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Patio Area

Bradwell OIEO £166,000

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- New Double Glazing
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Heelands Guide Price £160,000

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- Integral Garage
- Garden to the Front & Rear

Bletchley OIEO £160,000

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- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom & Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Conniburrow £150,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Garage with Driveway

Campbell Park OIEO £140,000

- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Popular Location
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen

Two Mile Ash £115,000

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- Shared Ownership Scheme
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces

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Willen £425,000

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North Crawley £290,000

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Newport Pagnell £280,000

Four bedroom detached house with an integral single garage and off road parking for about four cars. The house has been modernised by the current owners to a very high standard.

Broughton £275,000

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Newport Pagnell £270,000

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Bozeat £219,995

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Blakelands £180,000

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Newport Pagnell £200,000

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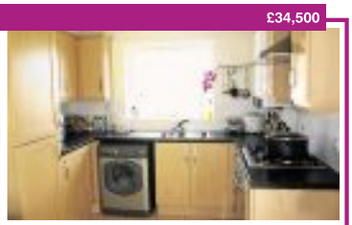

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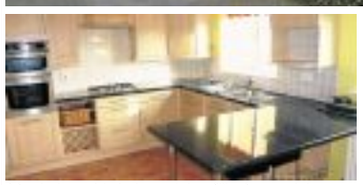

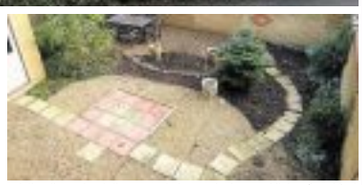

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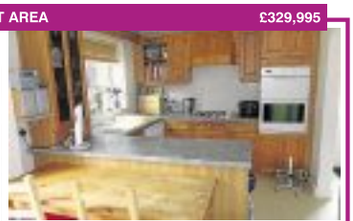

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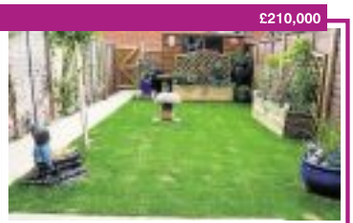

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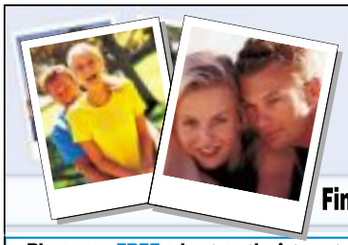

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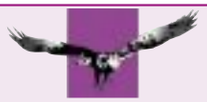

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(Minimum Six Month Contract)

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The successful candidate will play a key role in supporting our service users. You will need to have previous experience and gained considerable knowledge within a similar role. Be a good communicator both verbally and written and have good administration skills. A qualification in social care or equivalent is required.

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Catherine Crook in Human Resources at Bedfordshire Housing Link. 31A Prebend Street Bedford MK40 1QN. 01234 334607 or email recruitment@bhlnet.org

Closing Date: 23rd January 2013

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Silver Street, Great Barford, Bedfordshire, MK44 3HZ

HEADTEACHER

Required for September 2013
Range L21 – L27
£61,288 - £70,991

The pupils, staff, parents and governors are seeking to appoint an inspirational Headteacher who is highly motivated with exceptional leadership skills to further develop the Academy, following the retirement of the current Headteacher.

Alban is a popular and over-subscribed Church of England middle school that converted to an Academy in April 2011. It is a dynamic and vibrant community, full of energy and enthusiasm, providing a happy, safe and aspirational learning community for both children and staff.

We are looking for:

- An experienced professional with a passion for education, empathy with the Academy's Christian ethos and high aspirations for the learning community
- An energetic leader with the ability to inspire and motivate all staff, pupils, parents and governors to achieve the aims of the Academy
- A visionary who is able to steer Alban to the next phase of its development and regain the outstanding status
- An inspiring educator with a positive approach who values enjoyment and celebrates achievement

We can offer you:

- Happy and motivated children with outstanding behaviour and positive attitudes to learning
- Hard working, enthusiastic and dedicated staff committed to the high aspirations and ethos of the Academy
- A supportive and experienced senior team and governing body
- A friendly open community with strong parental support

For an application pack and to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Miss Lisa Hamblin, School Secretary at alban@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk or telephone 01234 870735

Completed applications should be sent to the School Manager, Mrs Margaret Dawson, at mdawson@albanacademy.org

Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 30th January 2013**
Shortlisting date: **Wednesday 6th February 2013**
Interview dates: **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February 2013**

The school operates safer recruitment practices and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced CRB clearance

www.albanacademy.org

Ivel Valley Area Special School
Hitchmead Road
Biggleswade
SG18 0NL

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Salary: Leadership Scale L17 to L21

Ivel Valley is the Area Special School in East Bedfordshire that caters for pupils aged 3-19 with a wide range of learning difficulties.

We are looking to appoint a motivated, creative and inspiring Deputy Headteacher who is ready for the challenge this post provides. You will be required to act creatively and strategically to support the Headteacher and the Governing Body in their drive for continuous school improvement.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged.

For further details (including the job description and person specification) and for an application pack please contact Nicola Hudson on 01767 601010 or by email at admin@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk

Closing date: Monday 4th February
Interviews: Tuesday 12th February

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects all staff to share this commitment; we are an equal opportunities employer. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB and qualifications check.

Woodlands Secondary Special School
Northwell Drive, Luton LU3 3SP

Class Teacher

MPS/UPS plus TLR 2a and 1SEN

Class Teacher

MPS/UPS plus 1SEN

Required for April or September 2013

Due to restructuring and an increasing role we are seeking to appoint two Class Teachers, one with additional responsibility for leading a subject area: Literacy or Numeracy throughout the school. You will have good organisational, leadership and motivational skills, and be committed to raising standards. You will be an excellent practitioner with a passion for making a difference to our very special pupils.

This is an exciting time in the development of the school as we are remodelling our curriculum and you would be empowered to facilitate improvements.

Woodlands is a large well resourced and innovative, secondary special school committed to the provision of high quality education for our community of very special young people aged 11 - 19 years with severe, profound and complex learning needs.

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged.

Visit our website at www.woodlands.luton.sch.uk

For an application form and further details please contact Vince Chappell, Business Manager at the school address, tel: 01582 572880 or email: woodlands.sec.admin@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 31 January 2013. **Ref: 40/0682**

Interview date: 11 February 2013.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.

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(part-time)

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For this role you will need:

- **Relevant experience in an art related role**
- **A good knowledge of art and different areas within the subject**
- **Strong ICT skills**
- **Excellent communication, organisational and interpersonal skills**

Hours are an average of 15 per week during term time plus two weeks in the school holidays. It is anticipated that the 15 hours will be spread across three days (currently Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays but flexibility may be required as these days may change from September 2013).

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

(Afternoons)

Required to work closely with our Librarian and morning Library Assistant to provide a high level of support to pupils using the Library facilities and to assist with the day-to-day smooth running of the Library.

For this role you will need:

- **Experience of research and information retrieval and the use of digital material**
- **Good working knowledge of on-line databases**
- **Strong ICT skills and a good understanding of Microsoft Office, particularly Excel**
- **The ability to support pupils in their learning**
- **Excellent communication, organisational and interpersonal skills**

Hours are an average of 21.45 per week, term time only. The normal working pattern is 1.00pm – 5.00pm Monday to Friday and approximately 12 Saturday mornings (8.30am – 12.30pm) per year.

For further details and an application pack please visit our website:
www.bedfordschool.org.uk/support-staff-vacancies

Completed applications should be emailed to:
hr@bedfordschool.org.uk or posted to Anna Smith, HR Adviser, The Bursary, Bedford School, 10 Glebe Road, Bedford MK40 2PL.

The Harpur Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) check, references and other checks.

www.bedfordschool.org.uk

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Closing Date
25 January 2013

St Swithun's VC Lower School
Ivel Road
Sandy
Bedfordshire
SG19 1AX

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Whitehurst
Telephone: 01767 680692
Facsimile: 01767 690992
Office: stswithuns@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk
Website: www.stswithunssandy.co.uk

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Our latest Ofsted report states that "In the Autistic Spectrum Condition Provision Unit pupils' behaviour is outstanding, because they feel extremely safe in a calm setting" and that "disabled pupils and those who have special educational needs make outstanding progress because of the high quality support they receive."

We encourage prospective candidates to visit the school.

We are a 'Safer Recruitment' employer and any appointment will be subject to enhanced CRB clearance.

For further details and an application pack please contact Mrs Anita Whitehurst, Headteacher, St Swithun's VC Lower School, Ivel Road, Sandy, SG19 1AX.
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Closing Date: 25th January 2013
Interview Date: 14th February 2013

Customer Services Officer

(Fixed Term Contract until end April 2014)
Salary: c.£20,098 p.a.
36.5 hours a week, based in Ampthill
Closing Date: 25th January 2013
Interview Date: 7th February 2013

We do not accept CVs, so for further details and to apply online please visit our website **www.aragon-housing.co.uk**
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For details and an application pack please e-mail downsbarn@milton-keynes.gov.uk or ring 01908 604430.

Closing date 24th January

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Salary – Scale 1, point 6 (£6.47 per hour)

To drive the school minibus around the county, transporting students from both Sponne and our feeder primary school. Full MIDAS training will be given.

Full clean driving licence essential.

All information relevant to this post, including further details and an application form can be found on our website www.sponne.org.uk

Alternatively, please contact the Head's PA, Coral Bird, at the school. cbird@sponne.org.uk

Telephone: (01327) 350284 Facsimile No: (01327) 359061

Closing date – Thursday 31st January 2013

The Governors of Sponne School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Year Team Support Mentor (YTSM)

37 hours per week, Term Time only (39 weeks)
Salary: Grade 5 (£15,166 - £18,332 actual)

HR Administration Assistant

20 hours per week (may increase to 25, tbc) worked over 5 days, term time plus 2 weeks
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Please do find out more about the Academy at our website www.thehazeleyacademy.com

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The HR Administration Assistant will support our HR Manager with the efficient running of our HR and Recruitment services. Flexibility is essential as the ability to work extra hours at peak recruitment times may be required.

The Finance Assistant role will support and promote the smooth and efficient running of the Academy's finance functions. The post holder will have a good working knowledge of Finance and preferably have experience of working within a school environment.

All post holders will need to be confident in the use of IT programmes including Word, Excel and Outlook, be able to use their own initiative and work with minimal supervision.

If you would like to be part of this exciting era in the Academy's development, and are a well qualified and highly motivated professional then we would like to hear from you. Please provide a covering letter stating why you wish to work at The Hazeley and what qualities you can bring to the Academy.

An application pack is available from our website www.thehazeleyacademy.com or alternatively you can contact Miss Hilary Marks, HR Administration Assistant, at the address below. The closing date for applications to be received in school is 12.00 p.m. on Friday 1st February.

The Hazeley Academy is an equal opportunities employer.

The Hazeley Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants.

Recruitment, *The Hazeley Academy, Emperor Drive, Hazeley, Milton Keynes, MK8 0PT*
Tel: *01908 555620* • Fax: *01908 508357*
Email: *recruitment@thehazeleyacademy.com*
Website: *www.thehazeleyacademy.com*
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WLT WOLVERTON LEISURE TRUST

Location: Wolverton, Milton Keynes
Closing Date: 4th FEBRUARY 2013

In April 2013 we will be opening Wolverton Swimming & Fitness Centre.

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We now require talented and dynamic individuals with a proven track record in succeeding to form our new exciting team. Candidates should be of a high calibre, positive, supportive, inclusive and progressive. We are looking for vibrant, well organised, highly motivated and experienced people who will embrace the following roles.

DUTY MANAGER (39 hrs per wk, Salary: £17,802 per annum)
The role involves managing the day to day operation of the facility striving to deliver the highest level of customer experience.

SPORTS MANAGER (39 hrs per wk, Salary: £17,802 per annum)
The role involves managing the operation of the gym and instructors, contributing to the retention strategy through managed targets and driving the growth of the fitness centre.

RECREATION ASSISTANT/LIFEGUARDS (39 hrs per wk, Salary: £13,874 per annum)
The role involves ensuring the safety of the facility and customers whilst promoting a welcoming fitness environment.

GYM INSTRUCTOR (39 hrs per wk, Salary: £13,874 per annum)
The role involves the provision of training programmes to meet member's goals, the maintenance and safety of the gym environment whilst contributing to the retention strategy.

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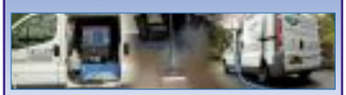

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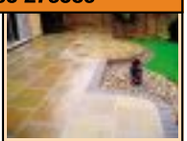
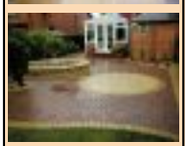
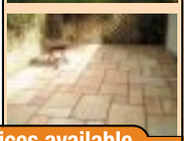

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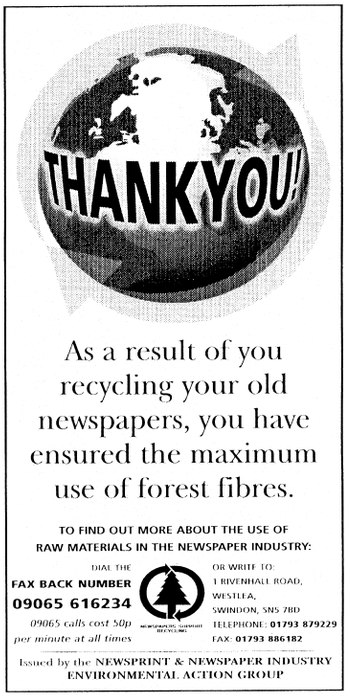

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Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to MK between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding Bank Holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing

Any interested party (such as a resident of local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date: Expire on 7th February 2013.

To the following address: Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Regulatory Unit, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes mr9 3EJ. 01908 252800. Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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Public Notices

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

UNDER ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(A) THE FOLLOWING APPLIES – THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (ABBEY HILL ROUNDABOUT, MILTON KEYNES) SLIP ROADS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes to enable works to install replacement lighting ducts and cables to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place over 4 weeks (8pm to 6am) beginning on or after Monday 11 February 2013.

The effect of the Order would be to close, in turn, the northbound and southbound entry slip roads from the A422 at Abbey Hill Roundabout – diverting traffic wanting to join the northbound carriageway south to the A509 Portway Interchange; and traffic wanting to join the southbound carriageway north to the A5/A508/A422 Interchange.

The closures (which would not apply to emergency service, traffic officer, works or winter maintenance vehicles) and diversion routes would be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order would come into force on 4 February 2013 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

MOTORWAY TRAFFIC (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1982
THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 13 TO JUNCTION 15, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway in Milton Keynes, to provide a safe working environment for the workforce during the installation of replacement Motorway Incident Detection (MIDAS) loops in the carriageway of the motorway.

The works are expected to take place for up to 2 nights (10pm to 5am weekdays only) on 4 occasions between Monday 21 January and Friday 15 February 2013. The works will be carried out using a combination of lane closures or full carriageway closures with hard shoulder running. A temporary mandatory speed limit will be in force in the interest of safety.

The effect of the Order will be to –

1. impose a speed limit of 50 miles per hour on the –
   - southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 540 metres south of Broughton Grounds Lane over-bridge to a point 180 metres north of Cranfield Road/Wavendon Road over-bridge,
   - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 620 metres south of Broughton Road over-bridge to a point 600 metres north of Broughton Grounds Lane over-bridge,
   - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 480 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Little Linford and Haversham to a point 1,090 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope, and
   - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 920 metres north of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Little Linford and Haversham to a point 390 metres north of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope;
2. close the –
   - southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 30 metres north of Broughton Road over-bridge to a point 180 metres north of Cranfield Road/Wavendon Road over-bridge,
   - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 230 metres north of Broughton Road over-bridge to a point 600 metres north of Broughton Grounds Lane over-bridge,
   - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 370 metres north of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Little Linford to a point 1,100 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope, and
   - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 1,300 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope to a point 390 metres north of that bridge; and
3. allow traffic to run on the hard shoulder adjacent to the –
   - southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 620 metres south of Broughton Road over-bridge to a point 670 metres north of Cranfield Road/ Wavendon Road over-bridge,
   - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 440 metres south of Broughton Grounds Lane over-bridge to a point 110 metres north of that bridge,
   - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 1,070 metres north of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Little Linford and Haversham to a point 1,500 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope, and
   - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 650 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope to a point 100 metres south of that bridge.

The temporary mandatory speed limit (which will not apply to emergency service or special forces vehicles), closures (which will not apply to works, emergency service, traffic officer or winter maintenance vehicles) and diversion routes will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order will come into force on 18 January 2013 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

General enquiries relating to these notices may be made in writing to Andy Shilliday (for the A5) or Graham Harris (for the M1) at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW or by telephoning on 01234 796197 (A5) or 796079 (M1).

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MILTON KEYNES CORE STRATEGY: PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MAKE THE CORE STRATEGY SOUND AND/OR LEGALLY COMPLIANT
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Following the closure of the hearings for the public examination of the Core Strategy in July 2012, the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State has issued her working draft of suggested modifications to the Core Strategy. The Council has considered this and agreed a full set of main modifications on 9 January 2013.

The modifications, with relevant supporting documents will be available for public comment for six weeks from **Wednesday 16 January until 5pm on Wednesday 27 February 2013.** Copies of the relevant documents will be available online on the Council's web site at http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-policy, in the Civic Offices in Central Milton Keynes and in all libraries within the Council's area.

It is important to note that the public consultation will only be on the main modifications. It should not reopen the issues which have previously been subject to examination. Any such comments should not repeat the cases that have already been set out.

Comments on the main modifications can be made via:
Online: at http://miltonkeynes-consult.objective.co.uk
Email: to corestrategy@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Post: Planning, Economy and Development, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ
Fax: 01908 252211

Responses will be forwarded to the Inspector who will then take them into account before sending her report to the Council. If the Inspector considers the Core Strategy sound the Council can then decide to adopt it.

A number of drop-in sessions have also been arranged at which Development Plans Team Officers will be attending to answer any questions. Further details of these sessions can be found on the Council's website.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact the Council's Development Plans Team by telephone on 01908 252599 or by email at development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 16th January 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along parts of 14 roads within Milton Keynes, whilst carriageway resurfacing works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary road closures will be in effect from 21 January 2013 until 31 March 2013. Each road closure will be in effect between specific times, on or between specific dates during the above period, as stated below:-

A509 Newport Road – Tickford Roundabout to the M1 Roundabout at Junction 14 – from 9.30 am on 21 January 2013 to 4.30 pm on 28 January 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the A422 H3 Monks Way, the A5, the A509 H5 Portway and the H6 Childs Way, and vice versa. Access to and from the hotels at Moulsoe will be maintained at all times;

H5 Portway – North Overgate Roundabout to Pagoda Roundabout – from 9.30 am on 29 January 2013 to 4.30 pm on 6 February 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the V11 Tongwell Street, the H6 Childs Way and the V10 Brickhill Street;

Gregories Drive, Wavendon Gate – from Fyfield Barrow to Stevensfield – from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 22 February 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Fyfield Barrow, the A4146 V11 Tongwell Street, the H10 Bletcham Way and Gregories Drive, and vice versa;

Mallow Gate, Conniburrow – the whole length – from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 11 February 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Conniburrow Boulevard, Fennel Drive, the H4 Dansteed Way, the V7 Saxon Street and the A509 H5 Portway, and vice versa;

Whalley Drive, Bletchley – from Whaddon Way to Melrose Avenue – from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 21 February 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Whaddon Way and Melrose Avenue, and vice versa;

Brooklands Road, Bletchley – from Water Eaton Road to Birchfield Grove – from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 14 February 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Water Eaton Road, Windsor Street, Osborne Street, Oliver Road, Findlay Way and Brooklands Road, and vice versa;

Clarence Road, Stony Stratford – the whole length – from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on 1 March 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Wolverton Road and London Road;

Weston Road, between Weston Underwood and Ravenstone – from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 25 February 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the un-named road linking the High Street, Weston Underwood and the B526 Stoke Goldington Road, Common Street and Weston Road, and vice versa;

High Street, Sherington – from Church Road to Hazelmead Farm – from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 4 March 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Sherington Road, Chicheley Hill and the A509, and vice versa;

Chicheley Road, North Crawley – that part within North Crawley from its junction with Brook End – from 9.30 am on 5 March 2013 to 4.30 pm on 7 March 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Brook End, North Crawley Road, Penny Park Road, the A509 Newport Pagnell Bypass, the A422 Newport Road and Chicheley Road, and vice versa;

Newton Road, Emberton – from the A509 Newport Road for a distance of approximately 750 metres in a westerly direction – from 9.30 am on 8 March 2013 to 4.30 pm on 13 March 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the A509 Newport Road; Bridge Street, High Street, Dartmouth Road and Wellingborough Road, Olney; Lavendon Road, the B565, the A428 Bedford Road, Bridge Street; Newton Road, Turvey; Clifton Road, Newton Blossomville, and vice versa;

Olney Road, Emberton – from Hulton Drive and High Street – from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 18 March 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the A509 Newport Road;

Springfield Roundabout, including the approaches from the V8 Marlborough Street and the H6 Childs Way – daily closures from 9.00 am overnight until 5.00 am the next day, from 13 March 2013 to 19 March 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the V7 Saxon Street, the A509 H5 Portway and the V10 Brickhill Street, and vice versa;

South Overgate Roundabout, including the approaches from the H6 Childs Way and Overgate, Campbell Park – daily closures from 9.00 am overnight until 5.00 am the next day, from 8 March 2013 to 14 March 2013. Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the H6 Childs Way, the V8 Marlborough Street, the A509 H5 Portway and the V10 Brickhill Street, and vice versa. For traffic travelling within Campbell Park, the alternative route will be via Avebury Boulevard and Enmore Gate.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order, other than for any necessary access for residents as far as is practicably possible, and for emergency services and military vehicles.

Each temporary road closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in each affected road a few days in advance of commencement of the works.

The Order comes into operation on 21 January 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS REDWAYS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 16 January 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because resurfacing works are to be carried out to the whole of, or parts of, eight redways within Milton Keynes. It is anticipated that the temporary redway closures will be in effect between 21 January 2013 and 31 March 2013 and that each affected redway, or part of redway, will be closed for a period of 1 to 5 days whilst the works are carried out. Each redway will re-open as soon as possible following completion of the works.

The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit all access to and along the redways, (or parts of redways) as stated below:-

Dulverton Drive, Furzton (from its junctions with Brendon Court and Blackmoor Gate)

The alternative route will be via the footway on the opposite (north-eastern) side of Dulverton Drive;

Adjacent to the V8 Marlborough Street, Netherfield (from the Netherfield Roundabout underpass to its junction with Buckland Drive)

The alternative route will be via the footways on the north-eastern side of Langland Road and the north-western side of Buckland Drive;

Adjacent to Slade Lane, Fullers Slade (from its junction with Weavers Hill to the alleyway behind number 12 Malvern Drive)

The alternative route will be via the alleyway running behind number 12 Malvern Drive, the footway on the north-eastern side of Malvern Drive, then the footway linking Malvern Drive and Weavers Hill, and the footway on the north-western side of Weavers Hill, and vice versa;

Adjacent to the V11 Tongwell Street, Walnut Tree, south-west side (from its junction with Fyfield Barrow and the Browns Wood Roundabout underpass)

The alternative route will be via Fyfield Barrow and the redway on the opposite side of the V11 Tongwell Street (the north-east side) to its junction with Browns Wood Roundabout, and vice versa. Access to and from the bus stop in this area will be maintained at all times;

Adjacent to the V11 Tongwell Street, Monkston. south-west side (from its junction with Lindisfarne Drive to a point approximately 50 metres south-east of the bus stop)

The alternative route will be via the redway, then the northern side of Wadhurst Lane; the north-eastern side of Waltham Drive; the eastern side of Blanchard Circle; the north-western side of Chicksands Avenue then the southern side of the H7 Chaffron Way, and vice versa. Access to and from the bus stop in this area will be maintained at all times;

Adjacent to the V8 Marlborough Street and the H8 Standing Way, Peartree Bridge (from the north-western junction of the V8 Marlborough Street and Waterside, to the canal bridge situated adjacent to the H8 Standing Way)

The alternative route will be via the leisure route and the bridleway adjacent to the north-eastern side of the Grand Union Canal; the redway adjacent to Jeeves Close, then the redway adjacent to the V8 Marlborough Street, and vice versa;

Adjacent to the V7 Saxon Street, Oldbrook (south-west side) (from its junction with Oldbrook Boulevard to its junction with Dexter Avenue)

The alternative route will be via the redways adjacent to the following roads:- the V7 Saxon Street (south-west side, to its junction with Eaglestone Roundabout underpass); the V7 Saxon Street (north-east side, continuing onto and along Falmouth Place, Fishermead); the H6 Childs Way, then the V7 Saxon Street, south-west side, to its junction with Oldbrook Boulevard, and vice versa;

Adjacent to H6 Childs Way, Winterhill and Knowlhill (from its junction with Snowdon Drive to a point in line with the underpass leading to South Loughton Valley Park and Redland Drive, Loughton)

The alternative route will be via the redways adjacent to the following roads:- Davy Avenue, Knowlhill; the H7 Chaffron Way; the V6 Grafton Gate, then the H6 Childs Way to its junction with Snowdon Drive, and vice versa.

Linking Kiln Farm and Hodge Lea (from Potters Lane, Kiln Farm to Grangers Croft, Hodge Lea)

Whilst the redway is closed the alternative route will be via the redway running along the H2 Millers Way and then through Kiln Farm between Pitfield and Potters lane (crossing Burners Lane and Burners Lane South) and vice versa.

Each redway closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for access for residents where possible, and for emergency services and military vehicles.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance.

The Order comes into operation on 21 January 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES) (DERESTRICTION) ORDER 2004) VARIATION ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed order will affect all classes of vehicle.

The effect of the order when made would be to remove the current national speed limit along those parts of roads stated at 1. and 2. A 30 mph speed limit would then become imposed along those parts of roads stated at 1. and 2. by virtue of the positioning of adjacent street lighting.

The affected parts of roads are as follows:-

1. The C140 Wolverton Road from a point approximately 55 metres west of its junction with Giffard Park Roundabout to a point approximately 3 metres north-east of the projected boundary of No's 214 and 216 Wolverton Road in a generally easterly direction.
2. The V10/C160 Brickhill Street, from its junction with Giffard Park Roundabout for a distance of approximately 40 metres in a southerly direction.

Copies of the proposed order, statement of reasons for proposing the order and a copy of the Order containing parts to be revoked by the proposals, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the undersigned to be received no later than 6 February 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-006623-2071.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTBRIDGE FROM STONECROP PLACE, CONNIBURROW, TO NORTH ROW, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 16 January 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect is to temporarily prohibit all access to and along the footbridge linking Stonecrop Place, Conniburrow to North Row, Central Milton Keynes whilst it is refurbished. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from Monday 21 January 2013, continuing for 24 hours every day until Friday 15 February 2013, however the footbridge will be re-opened sooner if works are complete and it is safe to do so.

Whilst the above footbridge is closed the alternative route will be via the footbridge linking Speedwell Place, Conniburrow and North Row, Central Milton Keynes.

The footbridge closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance of the closure.

The Order comes into operation on 21 January 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(REDWAYS (PART), EELBROOK AVENUE, BRADWELL COMMON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 16 January 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable the excavation of redways to take place, in order to repair a burst water main. The effect of this is to temporarily prohibit all access to that length of redway running alongside the V6 Grafton Street, parallel to the rear of numbers 90, 92, 94 and 96 Eelbrook Avenue, together with the adjoining length of redway running between numbers 93 and 96 Eelbrook Avenue, Bradwell Common. It is anticipated that the closures will be in effect on Monday 21 January 2013 until Friday 1 February 2013, both dates inclusive, however the redways will be re-opened sooner if works are complete and it is safe to do so.

While the above lengths of redways are closed the alternative route will be via Eelbrook Avenue, Streatham Place and the redway which runs parallel to the H5 Portway.

Each redway closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance.

The Order comes into operation on 21 January 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, CONNIBURROW) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in parts of some roads within Conniburrow:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' and 'No Loading/Unloading at Any Time' restrictions along some parts of Bramble Avenue, Bryony Place, Conniburrow Boulevard and Germander Place, near to both Southwood and Germander Park Schools;
- The introduction of 'No Waiting' and No Loading/Unloading' restrictions, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, along parts of Bramble Avenue, Bryony Place and Conniburrow Boulevard, near to both Southwood and Germander Park Schools.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 6th February 2012 quoting reference WL-P&E-006484-TRO-2055.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/02719/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to re-pollard 1 x Lime tree back to existing pollard points and to lift crown by 4 metres at 64 Weathercock Lane, Woburn Sands
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/02486/FUL	Timber framed covered walkway and close boarded fence area at Vaults Bar, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford
12/02487/LBC	Listed building consent for timber framed covered walkway and close boarded fence at Vaults Bar, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford
12/02497/LBC	Listed building consent. Existing bedroom and lounge rooms to first floor fire escape route have been revised to show two separate linen store rooms with 1hr fire partition walls and doors at Vaults Bar, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford
12/02501/LBC	Listed building consent. Repositioning of previously approved stud wall to en-suite bathroom to allow for a larger shower tray at Vaults Bar, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford
12/02509/LBC	Listed building consent to replace existing timber infill above dado rail to inner lobby wall with new glazing panels as detailed at Vaults Bar, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford
12/02727/LBC	Internal refurbishment of Block A including the removal of an internal wall at Gosling Wing Block A, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
12/02529/FUL	Erection of dwellinghouse at Spinney Cottage, Stratford Road, Wolverton Mill

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
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(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
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12/02651/FUL	Erection of car show-room with ancillary external car display, servicing, repairs, parts distribution, MOT testing, car parking, pedestrian and vehicular access at Part of Site B, Towergate, Groveway, V11 To H8 Milton Keynes

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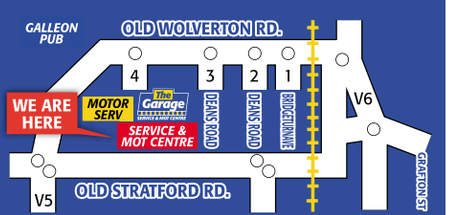

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FOOTBALL

MK Dons assistant boss MICK HARFORD writes exclusively for MK News

THE gaffer must have the patience of a saint during this transfer window.

You can't get hold of him on the phone as he's got agents, players, chairmans and chief executives ringing him. But I think he knows now which calls to blank and which calls to answer.

Yet I bet no player he is chasing or releasing will find themselves in the bizarre scenario I did in 1982 when I moved from Bristol City to Birmingham City.

I was told Birmingham wanted to sign me but because Bristol City were in financial difficult I had to resign for Newcastle, my former club, and then straight away sign for Birmingham. I'm still not sure exactly why but there were financial implications. It was bizarre. I ended up being signed by three clubs in one day.

In those days you could sign or sell anyone at anytime. I prefer that system. The transfer window is exciting for the fans and people on the outside but it must be hard for lower league clubs who are struggling for cash.

They would probably like to be able to sell at any time while some would probably like to buy when they are short because injuries.

There were also no agents involved in my days as a player. A transfer was done on the basis of a chat between club to club or manager to manager.

You'd be at home and get the phone call from the chairman to say someone was interested in you and then you decided if you wanted to go or not. That's the way it was.

It's much more complicated now. It's a 24-7 business. Karl is on the phone non stop and he's working very hard. He's full of life and deals with it very, very well.

He makes the final decision on a player but we do speak about players coming in and players going out. The coaches help in a small way in who we want to bring in and let go and in shaping the squad for the rest of the season.

But we are fearful of losing our better players during this period. We believe we have got some very good assets at the football club.

Stephen Gleeson is the one who always gets mentioned but there are six others at the club who have impressed me and who managers of most other clubs would want.

It's so important we keep them together and hopefully get automatic promotion. We've got to get out of this league by hook or by crook but, to do that, we must keep this squad.

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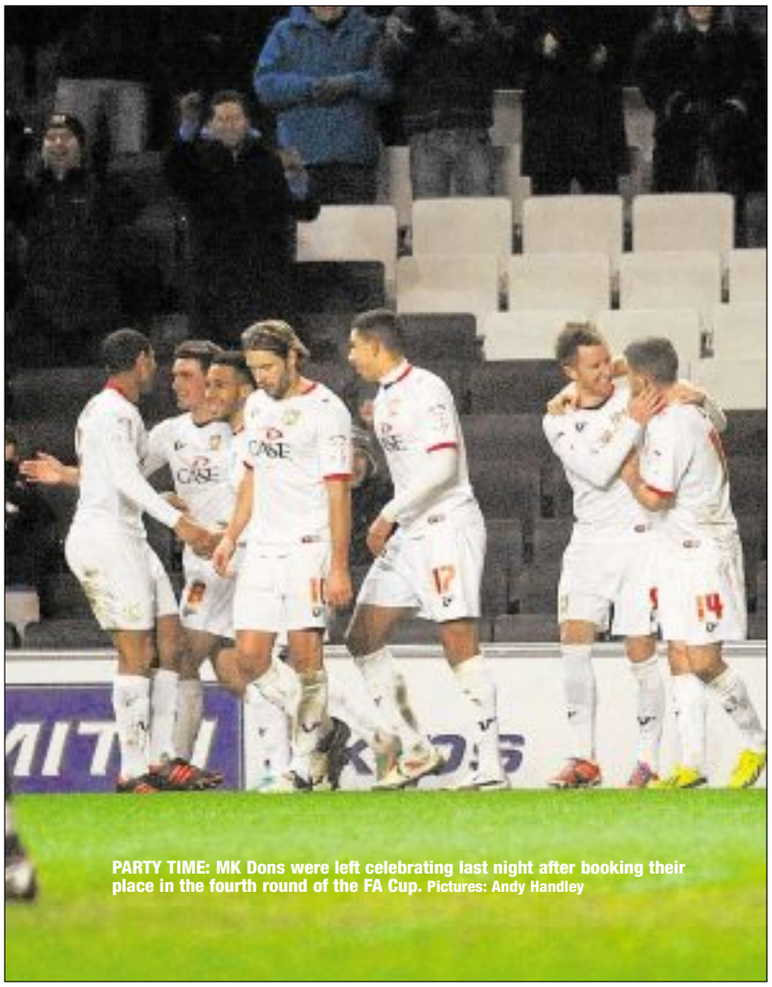

PARTY TIME: MK Dons were left celebrating last night after booking their place in the fourth round of the FA Cup. Pictures: Andy Handley

ON THE SPOT: Shaun Williams converts

QPR next up for Dons after Wednesday are dumped out

FROM BACK PAGE

Shaun Williams stepped up and buried a finish past Stephen Bywater into the top left corner to give Dons the lead and the home side should have had another penalty just moments later.

Dan Powell was clearly tripped by a trailing leg as he sprinted in on goal and although he stumbled, he made the wrong decision by not going down and his close range strike was parried away by Bywater.

A penalty wasn't given afterwards, prompting Robinson to vent his fury on the sidelines - a clear display of passion for the fortunes of his current employers.

Powell was booked for diving against Bury on Saturday, which could have had a baring on his decision, but it was a big chance to double the advantage before the break lost. In the second half Gary MacKenzie, making his first start for Dons since hip surgery, saw a bouncing header just held by Bywater and Paul Corry volleyed straight at Dons keeper David Martin for the Owls.

It was a game of few clear cut chances but a key second arrived for the hosts thanks to Bowditch's crossed free-kick from the left flank, which evaded everyone and curled into the far corner.

It means a trip to QPR on January 26 for Dons, the same team who ended their FA Cup progress in the third round last year.

A 1-1 draw at stadiummk was controversial as Heidar Helguson's late leveller for the Rs was offside, and in the replay Dons were unlucky to lose 1-0 after dominating most of the game at Loftus Road.

"It would be nice to put one back over them," Robinson said.

The victory would have delighted Robinson as he was not happy after Saturday's game.

"Normally this is a fortress and we need it back as a fortress," Robinson said after the 1-1 draw with Bury.

Dons: Martin, Otsemobor, Lewington, MacKenzie (Doumbe 72), Williams, Potter, Bowditch (Chicksen 78), Smith, Lowe, Powell (Alli 87), Kay.

Unused subs: Doumbe, Chicksen, Harley, Rasulo, Ismail.

Sheff Wed: Bywater, Buxton, Taylor, Semedo, Madine, Johnson (Mayer 11) Mattock, Pecnik (O'Grady 54), Lee (Antonio 63), Corry, Llera.

Unused subs: Davies, Sidibe, Jones, Coke.

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		Home					Away						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Tranmere Rovers	27	8	4	2	25	11	7	4	2	19	13	20	53
Doncaster	27	6	2	5	16	16	10	3	1	25	9	16	53
Brentford	26	8	3	1	21	11	5	7	2	17	12	15	49
Sheffield United	27	6	6	2	23	15	6	5	2	15	10	13	47
Swindon Town	26	7	4	3	30	8	6	3	3	17	11	28	46
MK Dons	26	8	3	3	22	13	4	4	4	16	13	12	43
Bournemouth	26	7	6	1	26	12	4	4	4	18	22	10	43
Yeovil Town	27	6	2	5	19	15	7	1	6	24	23	5	42
Crawley Town	27	6	3	4	22	19	6	2	6	14	20	-3	41
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Stevenage	26	3	5	5	17	24	8	2	3	17	12	-2	40
Walsall	28	5	4	5	18	21	5	4	5	19	21	-5	38
Coventry City	27	3	5	5	19	17	7	2	5	25	18	9	37
Notts County	24	4	2	6	16	16	5	7	0	20	10	10	36
Leyton Orient	25	6	1	6	14	14	5	1	6	14	17	-3	35
Preston	27	3	6	5	17	17	5	4	4	18	17	1	34
Carlisle United	27	5	2	7	20	29	4	3	6	14	20	-15	32
Shrewsbury	28	5	6	3	18	15	1	6	7	13	20	-4	30
Oldham Athletic	27	3	3	8	13	18	4	3	6	14	20	-11	27
Scunthorpe	27	1	5	7	13	25	5	2	7	15	22	-19	25
Colchester	27	4	3	6	16	19	2	2	10	9	25	-19	23
Bury	27	2	5	6	12	19	2	5	7	15	23	-15	22
Portsmouth	26	3	2	8	14	17	2	4	7	15	27	-15	21
Hartlepool United	26	1	3	8	8	20	1	4	9	11	27	-28	13

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BOBSLEIGH

Pickering in at the deep end on debut

SPRINTER Craig Pickering made his Great Britain bobsleigh debut on Saturday, just five days after he pushed a sled on ice for the very first time.

The Milton Keynes athlete partnered driver John Jackson in the two-man event at a Bobsleigh World Cup meeting in Königssee, Germany. The duo finished in 19th, a result they acknowledged was a disappointment.

"It was a semi-decent day," Pickering said. "I would have liked to have pushed quicker, but it was only my fifth and sixth runs ever, so it could have been worse."

Pickering, who was approached by British Bobsleigh performance director Gary Anderson about taking up the sport, is hoping to win a place at next year's Winter Olympics in Sochi.

If he achieves his goal he will become only the third British athlete to compete at both a Summer and Winter Olympics He was part of the 4x100m relay squad in Beijing in 2008.

It would be a remarkable achievement considering his first attempt at pushing a sled on ice was last Monday.

Jackson, a former marine, was impressed with Pickering's work-rate.

"It was not the result we wanted, but there a lot of positives to take from it," Jackson said.

"Craig has worked hard this week with a lot more still to come."

Pickering's ambition is to make it into the four-man team for Sochi, which has a more realistic opportunity of getting a medal than the two man.

Described by Anderson as being "perfectly suited" for the sport, the 26-year-old has been brought in as sprinting is key when it comes to getting the bobsleigh off to a fast start.

He is targeting a start of under five seconds after times of 5.01s and 5.02s during the two runs in Königssee.

"The aim is to try and enhance the Great Britain squad, and to win a medal," he said.

RUGBY UNION

Eleven in a row for MK

MILTON Keynes maintained their fine run of form by demolishing bottom of the table Slough 78-0 in the Southern Counties North.

City ran riot at Emerson Valley as they recorded their 11th win in a row to secure their grip on second place in the table, two points behind leaders Grove.

The table toppers have won a game less than Milton Keynes this season but they top the pile because they have picked up more bonus points.

Second would be enough for a play-off spot but Ray Bray's side will be aiming to climb above Grove, who they have beaten this season, in the coming weeks.

Their promotion bid was given a boost by neighbours Olney, who beat third placed Reading Abbey 19-12, thanks to tries from Will Parkin and Jordan Letts.

Olney are fifth, and Abbey are now four points behind MK.

In the South West 1 East, Bletchley went down 36-27 to Salisbury at Manor Fields.

ICE HOCKEY

Carr still believes league is in sight

Positive vibes: Lightning skipper Adam Carr hopes the side can put a strong run together

LIGHTNING skipper Adam Carr says the squad still believe they can win the English Premier League title.

Player coach Nick Poole said last week his players would need to rely on results elsewhere if they are to add to the championships Lightning claimed in 2004, 2005 and 2010, but Carr believes it is still possible, despite the team being 11 points adrift of top spot.

"We still believe that we can do it," the captain said.

"There are 20 games to go and hopefully we can make an impact. If we can go on a bit of a run then anything can happen."

Lightning have to play league leaders Guildford Flames four times this season, as well as second placed Basingstoke Bison three times, which means there will be plenty of opportunities to make up ground on the league's top two.

"We don't fear anyone in the league and we can beat anyone on our day," Carr said.

"I think we just need to believe in ourselves a bit more."

The city side's progress this season has often been hindered by injuries, meaning Poole has rarely been able to call upon a full strength squad.

Carr, however, refused to use this as an excuse for the side's form during the campaign so far, which has been frustratingly inconsistent.

This weekend Lightning beat bottom of the table Telford Tigers 4-2 at home on Saturday before a 3-1 reverse at Slough Jets on Sunday – a third straight weekend which featured one win and one defeat.

"We have been too inconsistent," Carr said. "But despite our injuries we still had a good enough team to challenge for trophies. We can't use that as an excuse."

Ross Bowers gave Lightning the lead against Telford in the second period, but the visitors struck back with two quick goals to claim the lead.

Adam Brittle drew MK level though and strikes from Nicky Chinn and Blaz Emersic completed the victory.

Against Slough, Lightning took the lead through Great Britain forward Leigh Jamieson, but the Jets struck back to win.

This weekend Poole's men have a home and away double header with Swindon Wildcats.

- Swindon v Lightning, Saturday, 7pm
- Lightning v Swindon, Sunday, 6pm, Planet Ice

ICE HOCKEY

City teen receives GB opportunity

TEENAGE Lightning net minder Jordan Hedley has been called up to Great Britain's preliminary Under-18 squad for April's World Championships – and has given selectors a "headache" with his performances.

The 16-year-old is one of 32 players to have been named by coach Mark Beggs for the training camps in Sheffield and Dumfries ahead of the Division 2A of the World Championships clash in Estonia between March 30 and April 6.

"We find out at the end of February if he is just a reserve or if he will be travelling," Hedley's father, Jez, said.

"At the last trial he was told he was only playing for a reserve spot but the letter we got last week says his performances recently have given them a headache and said he is now in contention to get the second net minder slot, which would be fantastic if it happens.

"He will still be a GB U18 next season too so this selection would be a year early."

MK-born Hedley claimed a shut-out and the man-of-the-match award in Lightning's pre-season challenge game with Telford Tigers this term, and he regularly appears for the city's second side, MK Thunder.

His international recognition comes after Lightning forward Leigh Jamieson, who is also from Milton Keynes, was named in a 32-man preliminary Great Britain senior squad ahead of next month's final qualifiers for the Winter Olympics in Riga.

He will be hoping to break into a final 22 for the matches against hosts Latvia, France and Kazakhstan in a four-team group next month.

In November, he scored against Romania in a 3-0 victory at an earlier Olympic qualifier.

Great Britain went on to beat Japan to secure their place in the final round, a victory described as the biggest result since winning Olympic gold in Germany in 1936.

"Both Jordan and Jaimo have played their hearts out," Lightning player coach Nick Poole said.

"Everyone is thrilled that their efforts have been recognised."

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HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Ladies' first team returned to action with a 2-1 defeat against league leaders Eastcote.

A few small mistakes from the visitors saw them trail 2-0 at half time, but MK captain Sophie Reynolds pulled one back with a fine strike from the edge of the D.

The result leaves MK eighth in South League Division 3A, but it represents an improvement after the same opposition beat them, 6-0, earlier in the season.

Elsewhere, the seconds went down, 1-0, to Reading and the thirds were beaten, 6-1, by Gerrards Cross firsts, despite Pip Thorne's goal making it 1-1 at one stage.

The Mens' first team returned to action with a bad result as they lost 1-0 at home to Eastbourne in the South Hockey League Premier Divison - a score which leaves them tenth out of 12 teams.

A lacklustre second team side lost 3-2 to Banbury after Jack Luther and Paul Hutchinson had struck to level the match. MK Samurai clocked up a comprehensive 12-0 defeat over Maidenhead Boyne Hill. The fourths drew 2-2 away at Aylesbury thirds.

ATHLETICS

MK ATHLETIC Club's Jasmine Finlay (F20) narrowly missed out on an 800m medal at the South of England Indoor Championships, following a fourth-placed finish.

She came home in a time of 2:25.60s at the Lee Valley Complex in London.

Over the same distance Oli Lum (M20) was fifth in his heat in 2:15.79s while Maya Jennings (F17) was fourth in her race in 300m race in 46:13s.

Meanwhile, the penultimate Chiltern Cross Country League match in Luton saw MK make up ground on leaders Bedford and County with a superb overall win.

It means the club is in striking distance of the overall title ahead of the final contest of the competition in Wing next month.

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MK Lightning teen in GB call-up for World Champs

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Robinson set for talks with chairman amid link

• Manager is an apparent target for Blackpool • Dons set up QPR FA Cup tie

BY DAN PALMER
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DONS made the fourth round of the FA Cup for the first time in their history after a fine 2-0 third round replay win against Sheffield Wednesday last night, but the talk at stadiummk was about Blackpool's reported interest in manager Karl Robinson.

The Seasiders, who have been without a boss since Michael Appleton left for Championship rivals Blackburn Rovers last week, are understood to have approached Dons in a bid to secure 32-year-old Robinson's services.

Odds on him making the switch to Bloomfield Road were as short as 2/5 yesterday evening as news of Blackpool's intentions broke just a couple of hours before kick-off in the cup tie.

After last night's win he said he was due for talks with chairman Pete Winkelman about the news and said he found out about the link by watching television.

"Whatever happens, I think it's fair that my decision is made internally," he said. "When I speak to the chairman I'll know a little bit more."

Such a move would move Robinson closer to his Liverpool home but he is a manager who is used to interest from elsewhere and so far he has remained loyal to Dons. Regarded as one of the best up and coming coaching talents in the country, he has been linked with the likes of Blackburn and Crystal Palace in recent months but so far nobody has been successful in tempting him away.

He often speaks of his commitment and passion for the promotion dream being worked on at stadiummk, giving the impression that he intends to stay at the club for the long term.

Last season he signed a new three-year contract at the club he has been at since May 2010 and at the beginning of this campaign he unveiled a new backroom team featuring Mick Harford and Ian Wright.

Robinson's men now face a round four trip to Queens Park Rangers who beat West Bromwich Albion 1-0 last night. The Dons replay, needed because of a 0-0 draw at Hillsborough first time around, beat the freeze thanks to undersoil heating at the stadium being used for the first time.

Some drama was needed to liven up the contest after a quiet opening and referee Lee Collins obliged on 27 minutes by awarding the home side a penalty.

Owls defender Lewis Buxton grabbed a handful of Dean Bowditch's shirt in the area and the spot kick was given despite the winger staying on his feet.

TURN INSIDE

HAND SHAKE: Pete Winkelman congratulates Karl Robinson after last night's FA Cup third-round replay win. Picture: Andy Handley

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McLeod and Lowe to fight it out for spot at the apex of MK Dons attack

STRIKERS Izale McLeod and Ryan Lowe will have to battle it out for the same Dons shirt as manager Karl Robinson will not change his system to accommodate them both.

McLeod, who returned to stadiummk on a free transfer from Portsmouth earlier this month, made his second debut for the club on Saturday as Dons were disappointingly held to a 1-1 home draw by League One strugglers Bury.

Robinson selected McLeod as the spearhead of the attack, with Lowe playing just behind in the manager's favoured 4-2-3-1 formation.

Having both forwards on the pitch is not the long-term plan as Luke Chadwick will be the player who sits behind when he returns from a knee injury next month.

"When Luke Chadwick comes back they [McLeod and Lowe] will be fighting for that position up front," Robinson said. "We won't change our system."

The boss said McLeod, who hit the post with a deflected effort against Bury and should have scored with a close-range effort, gave his side a different dimension.

"We've now got an outlet in and behind," Robinson said.

"He'll be a key attribute for us in certain games, but there will be some teething problem as players get used to him."

Three players have departed Dons this week as the club makes room for further new arrivals.

Charlie MacDonald has left stadiummk, with fellow League One outfit Leyton Orient snapping up the striker on a free transfer after his contract was cancelled by mutual consent.

Jay O'Shea has joined League Two Chesterfield and sub keeper Ian McLoughlin has been loaned to League One rivals Walsall until February 9.

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